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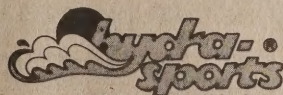
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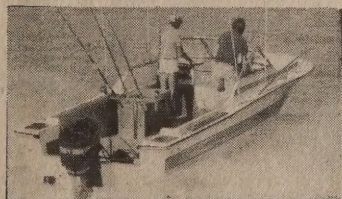
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WE CARE ABOUT OCEANS

The week of March 15-21, 1981 was designated as National Wildlife Week, this year's theme being "We care about oceans." Certainly, this kind of concern on a nationwide level is admirable and long overdue.

This type of concern isn't original to the National Wildlife Federation, the sponsor of the "We care about oceans" promotion; but the Washington, D.C.-based group should be applauded for the effort. We can cite many examples of others who have demonstrated their concerns for the oceans and the creatures that live in it. Greenpeace (West Coast "Save the Whales" group), for example, has been trying against incredible odds to enlighten the world about the need to conserve and manage whales. Jacques Cousteau warned us long ago that if we continued to hold the oceans in contempt, if we used them indefinitely as sumps, dumps, and chemical receptacles, and if we did not learn to manage its wildlife, that the oceans would die—possibly within our lifetime.

Closer to home, we have watched as S.O.S. has tried to help striped bass; LIF and others have fought to protect our wetlands and Continental Shelves from overharvest, destruction, and contamination, and countless other groups have stood up to be counted in the battle to preserve and conserve the oceans. Congressman Jerome Ambro, in a recent successful effort, stopped the dumping of toxic dredge spoils in Long Island Sound.

Sometimes it seems that those with the greatest vision and concern, lack the wherewithal to make a national splash. Well, we agree with the adage, "better late than never," but we also wonder why things seem to have to get so bad before there is any significant national-level concern. We also have to wonder what effect President Reagan's budget cutbacks will have on our abilities to help the oceans survive the onslaught of man's pollution and technology. Now, we're all for trimming the fat in ol' D.C., but we suspect that our marine environments will be among the first to go. We object to such priorities because without healthy oceans our people may not have any future.

Perhaps governments deal too much with the immediate attempt to put out brush fires with atomic water bombs, which leaves only the garden hose to should the Chicago Fire. We think the priorities are wrong. We think we should be spending our time and money on the long range good first!

We are also taken by another facet of the "We care about oceans" effort. Walter Cronkite began appearing on national television in short spots for the oceans cause on March 8, 1981. Undoubtedly, Mr. Cronkite touched many people with his plea for cleaner oceans and to end pollution. If those who were touched were motivated to action, then perhaps we will see more national concern and progress towards cleaner and healthier oceans. In a quote from Mr. Cronkite, he says, "We should all care about our oceans, no matter where we live, because we all share the gifts of the sea around us."

We wonder whether someone in Nebraska will really give a damn. The resident of the Midwest may never have caught a striped bass, dug a clam, watched a school of fish feeding on the surface, or seen the beauty of a sunrise over a clean ocean. Will that person really care? Will the New Yorker who hasn't seen too much more than the tunnel of sun that filters down between tenements really care about oceans?

There is, we believe, an important point here. It is no accident that Cronkite volunteered for the project and it is no accident that Cronkite cares about clean oceans. We've all read about Mr. Cronkite and his beloved yawl, WINTJE (forty-two foot sailboat). He loves sailing and he appreciates the habitat and environment that he sails on.

There is then a parallel between the national effort to "Take a kid fishing" and the "We care about oceans" project. Don't we yet understand that by bringing people to an environment and showing them how to enjoy themselves in that environment that they will become die-hard supporters and protectors of that environment? Does anyone want to save a park, or a building, or a house from which there are only bad memories—or even non-existent memories? However, we'll fight to the death to save an old movie theater where we spent fond Saturday afternoons in our childhood.

Maybe we can help by writing a letter here and there or making a contribution to worthy causes, attempting to protect and conserve our oceans and its life. We support such efforts because they help others to put out brush fires. Yet, what of the future? Perhaps each of us can do more for the future

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Louis Schobel stands beside his N.Y. State Record 76 lb. cod taken back in January. Lou was fishing out of Sheepshead Bay in 125' of water when the huge cod gobbled a clam bait. Photo by Harry Ostrow.

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NEXT
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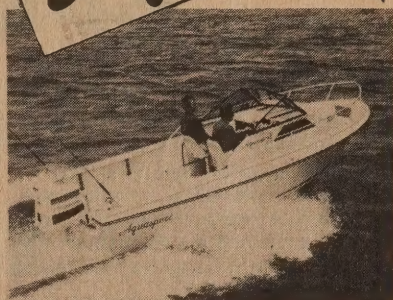
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Individual and club information can be obtained by calling (516) 226-0803, or by writing to: Amity Harbor Fishing Club at Box 131, Amityville, New York 11701.

STRIPER SURF CLUB

The Striper Surf Club, Inc., Annual Dinner Dance and installation of new officers was held on 3/28/81 at the Villa Bianca.

The following trophies were awarded for surf-caught striped bass over 15 lbs.

Most Eastern Seaboard—Jack Vandekieft, 39 fish.

Largest Eastern Seaboard—Ira Friedman, 60 lbs. 12 oz.

2nd Largest Eastern Seaboard—Bill Rothwell, 55 lbs.

2nd Most Eastern Seaboard—John Kay, 29 fish

Largest New York—Joe Vezo, 24 lbs. Last of the season—Mike Kaland, 19 lbs.

The following officers were installed for 1981: President: Leif Gobel; 1st Vice-Pres.: Jack Vandekieft; 2nd Vice Pres.: Joe Sarrantonio; Treasurer: Tony Iesu; Recording Sec'y.: Barry Simon; Sgt.-at-Arms: Bob Sicker; Corres. Sec'y.: Joe Vezo.

The Club is also actively seeking new members and anyone interested is welcome to call Mike Kaland at (516) 868-7402, any evening.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB AWARDS DINNER

The 1980 Annual Awards were presented to Babylon Tuna Club members at the Annual Banquet held February 27, 1980 at Naragansett Inn. The following anglers were all first place winners in their respective categories:

ALBACORE, TRUE—Lucy Jessen, 56.4.

ALBACORE, FALSE—Rick Degenhart, 13.13

BONITO—Skip Crandall, 14.4

BLACKFISH—John Ostap, 7.2

BLUEFISH—Doc Grell, 18.8

CODFISH—Charlie Saladino, 54.8

DOLPHIN—Tommy Giles, 28.8

FLOUNDER—Pete Grell, 2.14

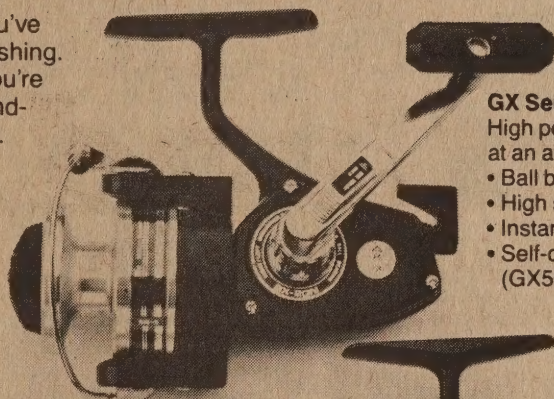
FLUKE—Doc Grell, 12.1

MARLIN, BLUE—Ted Friend, 457.

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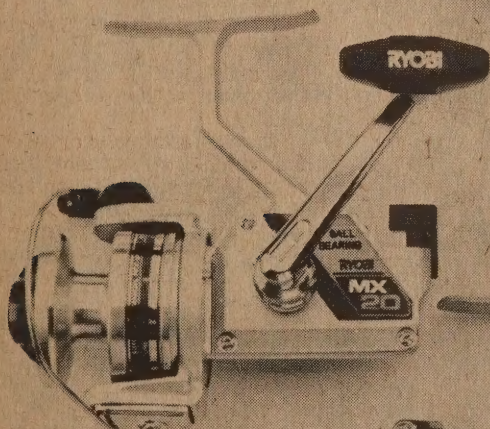
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 SHARK, TIGER—Mike Moe, 745
 STRIPED BASS—Austin Kelly, 46.8
 SWORDFISH—Dennis Bofinger, 151
 TUNA, CHUMMED—Marty Ferris, 145 lbs.
 TUNA, TROLLED—Vic Jessen, 290
 WEAKFISH—Chuck Darling, 15.14

New Products



GRADY-WHITE'S NEW 22' BAHAMA

When Grady-White's people saw OMC's new two-cycle Sea Drive power system, they knew it was a perfect match for their 22' hull

design, introduced earlier this year.

Both the 221 Pacific (stern drive) and the 220 Bimini (outboard) were specifically designed to give fishermen more cockpit space than conventional 22 footers. And, the Grady-White's new 222 Bahama takes the roominess a step further with the Sea Drive power system.

The new Bahama measures a full, unobstructed, 10½ ft. from the forward bulkhead to the stern jump seats and bait rigging area. The Grady-White Bahama's Sea Drive system allows fishermen better access than ever before to the transom area of the boat.

A 222 Bahama matched with the 2.6 Litre Sea Drive demonstrates quiet, exciting, performance from a slow troll to top speed. With one passenger, the Bahama reaches speeds over 45 mph. With six passengers aboard, she still reaches speeds just under 44 mph. Since the drive unit is mounted further from the transom than either an outboard or stern drive, trimming ability and turning radius is improved.

The real story is the additional cockpit space. Many larger sport fishing boats can't claim five fish boxes and wells in a cockpit as roomy and versatile as this 22' fishing machine.

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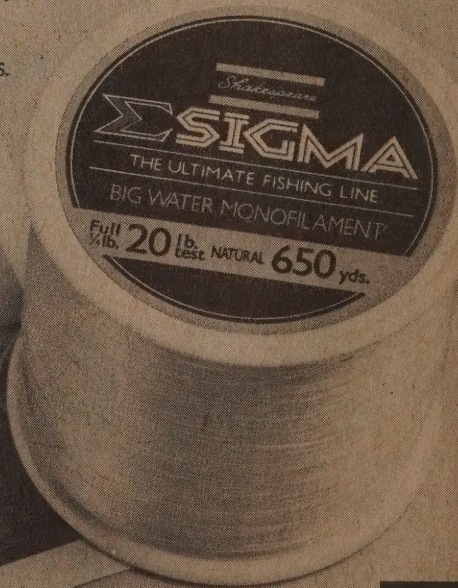
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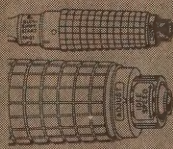
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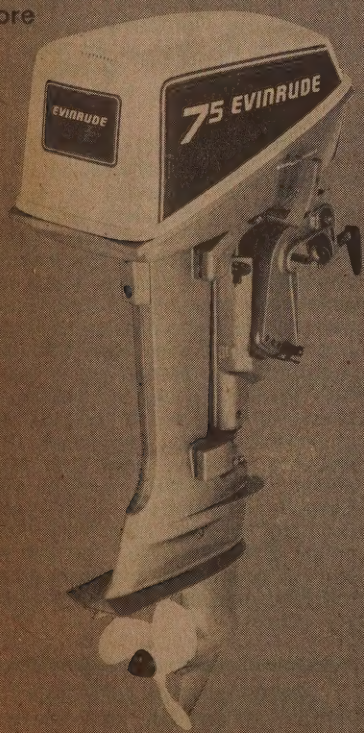
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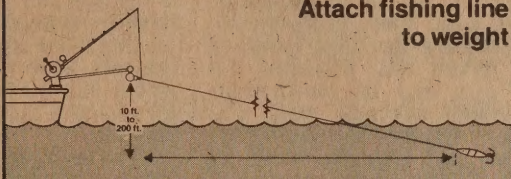
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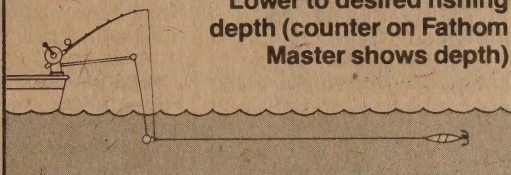
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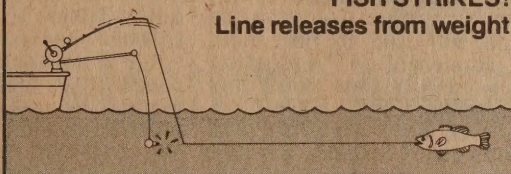
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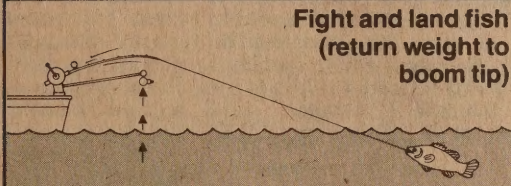
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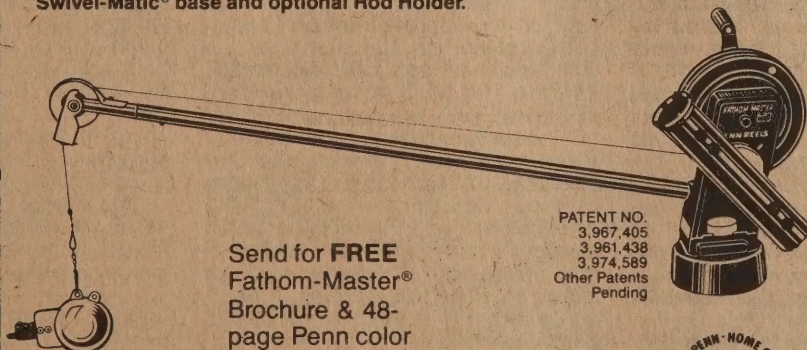
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NATIONAL SCENE

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

by Al Ristori

Representative Edwin B. Forsythe (R-NJ) was one of several individuals and organizations honored by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) at its 45th Annual Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia on March 29. Forsythe received a Connie (a statuette of a whooping crane, an endangered bird symbolizing the conservation cause) as "Legislator of the Year" in recognition of his leadership in gaining Congressional approval of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980, a law that extends the benefits of wildlife management to nongame species.

This award to Forsythe was long overdue. He's long been known as one of the best friends of the marine sport fishermen in Congress. As a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Forsythe was an early supporter of the 200-Mile Limit and a major force in the actual writing and passage of the law. Five years ago I was privileged to present him with a plaque, on behalf of the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources, in recognition of his special efforts to preserve our valuable marine resources. Since then, Forsythe has become the ranking Republican on the Fisheries Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and has continued to fight for projects important to the sport fishery. It's too bad we don't have a few dozen more Ed Forsythes in Congress!

Other Connie award winners this year include former Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus as "Conservationist of the Year," Walter Cronkite and Senator Robert T. Stafford (R-VT), new chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Stafford was cited for his part in securing passage of the Superfund Act, providing \$1.6 billion to clean up toxic waste dumps, the re-authorization of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and for his work on clean air and water legislation. The American Fisheries Society was honored as "Organization of the Year." Founded 110 years ago, it has grown into an international organization of 8,000 fisheries and aquatic science professionals as well as lay and student members.

Collectors will be happy to know that the National Wildlife Federation has issued its 1981 conservation stamps. This year's sheet depicts

thirty-six different animal species, including the great white shark. NWF's stamps, familiar to millions of Americans since their first appearance in 1938, are frequently used to decorate letters and packages. In addition, they may be collected in stamp albums available from the Federation. Each album contains descriptions and biological data on the thirty-six species of mammals, birds, fish, insects, and plants depicted on the 1981 stamp sheets.

NWF, the nation's largest nonprofit conservation organization, began its stamp program forty-three years ago during its third year of operation to raise the funds necessary for survival. Since then, NWF has distributed more than seven billion stamps to wildlife enthusiasts and stamp collectors across the country. Contributions for stamps are used to help fund NWF's conservation education program, which last year distributed over 1.4 million free books and pamphlets on environmental and wildlife subjects. Donations are also used to acquire and protect wildlife habitat. Those interested in receiving a sheet of the 1981 conservation stamps or the stamp album, which is available for \$2.50, should write to the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

How Will Fisheries Fare Under The New Administration?

Earlier this year I received a letter from Captain Alan Willard, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, taking me to task for my support of Ronald Reagan in the last election. Captain Willard, a commercial striped bass fisherman, pointed out the various dangers associated with the basic philosophy of the new Administration in regard to the environment. He feels that the loosening of restrictions on offshore drilling, additional nuclear plant development, and the possible use of stronger insecticides to maximum crop yields will all have a negative effect on fisheries. Though I don't agree with him in every instance, his points are valid.

If Captain Willard will check my column endorsing Reagan, he'll find that I didn't promise any bed of roses. I stated that I didn't know how the Reagan Administration would turn out in terms of marine fisheries, but I had no hesitation about taking my chances after having a closeup view of

the mess the Carter Administration made in that area. The jury is still out on the new Administration in marine fisheries. Budget cuts are inevitable, but that's the least of our problems. The real issue is getting competent people into NMFS leadership positions—and a fair shake for the sport fisheries.

As far as oil drilling is concerned, I still haven't seen any evidence to keep me up nights worrying about it. The proliferation of oil rigs in the Gulf has been a boon to sport fishermen in that area. Commercial fisheries, including shrimp, have not been harmed. The current problems of the shrimp industry relate primarily to an over-expanded fleet—much of which was recently thrown out of Mexican waters. Oil drilling in our area will be quite different from that in the shallow, near shore areas of the Gulf, but the environmental risks do not appear to be great in relation to the alternatives. I intend to continue pouring gas into my outboard and my car, and I'm sure Captain Willard intends to do likewise. That oil has to come from somewhere, and experience to date indicates that the drilling of offshore oil is a lot safer than the transportation of oil from overseas—as well as being a lot better for our balance of trade!

Nuclear power is a very controversial subject, but if done correctly it can be a relatively "clean" form of energy. In every case, we must consider the alternatives. Less nuclear means more coal-fired plants and the likelihood of further acid rain damage. There are no easy solutions to the energy problems, and everything will have to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. What may be right in one instance may be very wrong in another, and that's something that will have to be fought out by responsible organizations as the situations arise. Modern environmentalists are going to have to learn to live with the fact that the average American wants to have the benefits of relatively inexpensive food and energy, and isn't willing to pay a great deal more in order to ensure environmental purity. The day is past when we could carry the public with us on a "better safe than sorry" basis. There has been a reaction to some environmental excesses, and we'll have to be a lot more careful about the projects we fight for and

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FISH TALK

BIG FISH READER REPLY

by William A. Muller

EARLY ISSUE. In one of the first columns for 1981, we discussed some of the big fish that we heard about in 1980. Most of these fish were caught by rather well-known anglers and the rest were well publicized. At the time we asked our readers to write in and share their BIG FISH experiences with us for 1980. A number of you wrote in and shared your joy with us. Not only were tales of the catch related, but in some cases, photos were sent in as well. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed reviewing these because doing so gave me a real sense of being part of an active fishing community and a devoted group of readers. I hope that all of you can find as much enjoyment in these accomplishments as I did.

TONY KANI OF NEW HYDE PARK. "In response to your article in Issue #3, 1981 of The Long Island Fisherman, I would like to tell you about a good sized fish I caught on September 1, 1980. It was a Nantucket trip on the Viking Starship. After I caught a fair share of cod, I got this terrific hit and ended up with a thirty-eight pound pollack. That fish was large enough to win the \$250 pool. I missed out on the LIF's World Series because we got back to the dock so late—but you can't win them all."

CHARLIE SALADINO OF PLAINVIEW. "On November 15, 1980, while fishing on my brother's boat in the Bellmore Anglers ALL CLUB COD TOURNAMENT, I caught the largest cod that weighed 54 lbs. 8 oz. I was especially pleased with this catch because I was competing with 180 anglers on thirty-two boats. Also, my club—the Babylon Tuna Club—took first prize with a score of 666 points. The Bellmore Anglers were second with 247 points, and Freeport was third with 240 points."

DR. ROBERT BERGER OF STONY BROOK. "My best fish of the 1980 fishing season was an 896 lb. bluefin tuna that was caught on my thirty-one foot Bertram, 'Francine' out of Stony Brook. We caught the fish on one of the roughest days of the summer. My first mate and buddy, Mike ran the boat, I fought the fish, and Arnold DeRose did all the other chores. We landed the fish in one hour and fifteen minutes, with 130 lb. class tackle. The fish was weighed in at the Cape Ann Marina in Gloucester, Mass., on August 15, 1980. Incidentally, I enjoy your column."



Charles Saladino with his 54½ lb. cod.



Tony Kani displays the 38 lb. pollack he took on a Nantucket Wreck Trip.

John Frame	fluke	7.7 lbs
Bill Sosnicki	porgy	3.10 lbs
John Frame	flounder	3.0 lbs
Ed Henderson	weakfish	13.13 lbs
Pete Miglionico	tuna (bluefin)	19.0 lbs
Roger Royalty	mako shark	467.0 lbs
John Frame	tiger shark	735.0 lbs
Wain Carlough	white marlin	64.4 lbs
Bill Vargas	bluefish	15.7 lbs
Rich DeChiaro	codfish	30.0 lbs
Bob Bruno	pollack	19.0 lbs
Leigh Schroeder	tuna (bigeye)	235.0 lbs
Brian Formhals	blue shark	255.0 lbs
Wain Carlough	dusky shark	388.0 lbs
Hank Radziewicz	blue marlin	70.0 lbs
Steve Bigora	white shark	633.0 lbs

OFFSHORE DOMINATES. Now, up to this point the offshore fishermen were more on the ball about getting credit for big fish. Maybe a person tends not to think of a four pound porgy as a big fish or a five pound sea bass in that light either; yet what is big is relative to the species and the outside limits to which it can grow. However, it is natural for one to think of a giant tuna as a big fish. Still, we consider the four pound porgy every bit as much an achievement as the giant tuna.

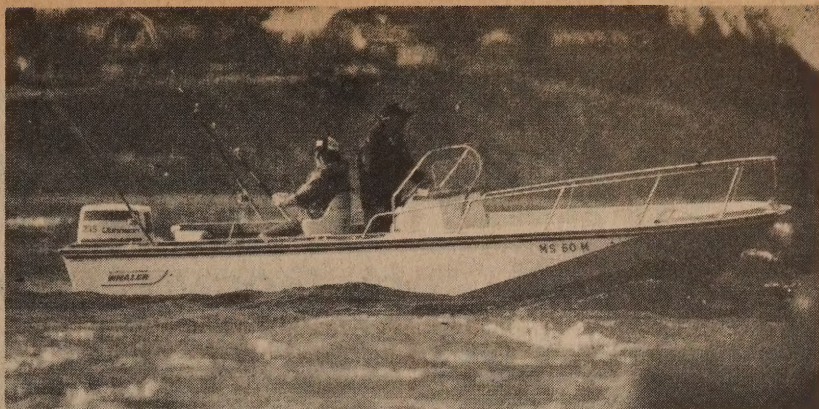
JOE HIGGINS. So as the offshore entries of big beauties started to wane the inshore angler began to get into the act. "Thanks for writing about the commercial nets that I asked about. It was very interesting and informative. The one net that you didn't dwell on was the purse seine. I'm not nit-picking, but I am curious. Does it open and close similar to a small change purse? As for big fish in 1980, my only claim is a 2¾ lb. flounder caught in the bay. Maybe not a real big monster, but good enough to win

me \$48 in the boat pool." First, about your fish! Maybe a 2¾ lb. flounder isn't a monster in some places like Block Island Sound, but in one of our shallow bays towards the west, it is a remarkable catch. Be proud of it! On purse seine nets. A purse seine net is one that is dropped behind a ship and spread around what is believed to be a school of fish. The net extends down to some depth and can be quite large. The idea is to make a big circle around a school of fish. The net should not spook the fish because it is spread wide of the school. Now, when the fish move towards the net, are driven towards the net, or ball up in the net, the net is closed and the fish are thus trapped. In that sense then, the purse seine is something like a change purse because it can be closed. The net, with the fish inside, are pulled towards the boat and as this is done, the size of the circle-shaped trap, or pocket, becomes smaller and smaller. The fish can then be lifted into the mother ship, or in the case of very large purse seines with heavy loads, the catch is taken in portions aboard the vessel for processing.

BILL VARGAS, SECRETARY, GREAT GUN ANGLERS. "I am writing this letter in response to your column **Big Fish for 1980** that appeared in the January 22 issue of The Long Island Fisherman. Great Gun Anglers is a club with a membership of eighty. We fish primarily out of Moriches. There are several members who go off as far as the Hudson Canyon." (Anglers who caught and reported fish of significance in '80 listed on opposite page.)

OBSERVE! We didn't miss the fact that you did sneak a goody in there, Bill. Your bluefish along with all the other fine catches are indeed noteworthy. We also observe that your club recognizes the significance of outstanding catches in a great variety of species that gives everyone, regardless of preference or temperament, a chance to be part of the competition action. Please accept our congratulations for all of these anglers.

SPEAKING OF PIGGYBACK SNAILS! Were we speaking of piggyback snails? Did I miss something? No, and neither did Mike Bunch of Riverhead who had several good questions for us. "In many articles in LIF, I have read about a magnificent flounder bait called piggyback snails or quarterdeck snails. This bait is supposed to be found easily and to be very effective in Flanders Bay. I live near Flanders Bay and have been flounder fishing here for a number of years, but I have yet to figure out exactly what they are. The names mentioned are obviously common names, so could you please list the scientific names or tell me something about them, so I can nail down what they are. Speaking of Flanders Bay, why aren't there ever any articles in The Fisherman about this area and Western Peconic? In past issues, you



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mentioned that the Jamesport area is excellent for flounder, but you never went into detail. With the price of gasoline, it became too expensive for me to do my weakfishing in the spots you mentioned in your excellent book, so I stayed in Flanders Bay. The results were excellent. Almost all the weaks we caught were over eight pounds and one of my friends even caught one that weighed close to fourteen pounds! We caught plenty, too! My final question. An article in a recent issue of **SPORTS ILLUSTRATED** dealt with two men who went south to catch a three-foot toadfish for an aquarium. Is this the same species and how big do our local toadfish grow? Where do toadfish go in the winter and they don't seem to be very good swimmers."

ON PIGGYBACKS! No need for a lot of confusing science here. The snails are easily found. They are all over rocks that are below the water line, they are on scallop shells in great profusion, and they pile on top of one another too. They may not look like snails at first glance, but rather like knobs on the rocks. The shells are

usually greyish-pink and when you give a good pull, they'll "pop" off the rock or shell easily. Give a look and you'll find 'em. On Flanders Bay: we cover the area both in articles and in the fishing reports, but we may not give extensive coverage in articles because the area is most accessible to those with private craft. Boat liveries and launch ramps tend to move folks to the east. The Captain Clark boats work the western extremes of the Peconic Bay thoroughly through the season and that's about the only general public access to the area. Yes, we've caught plenty of fish there, too, and we suggest to interested readers that the rich muddy bottoms in Flanders are superior flounder spots. The toadfish was probably not the same species, but we can't be sure without more info and we haven't seen the Sports Illustrated issue. Our toadfish gets to about ten or fourteen inches tops. It spends the winters in the mud. It is, indeed, a slow and poor swimmer. Why not send us a sketch of your Flanders Bay hotspots and we'll share 'em with our readers!

SURF FISHING

ORIENT'S SNOWSHOES

by Gerald Hahn

Fishermen generally do not associate surfcasting with snowshoe flounder, except perhaps for a brief period in the early spring when some large spawners are taken from various bays, or in the very slow kind of fishing one finds along the beaches facing the Atlantic. Indeed, most shore-bound anglers are content to catch a few one pound flatfish, yet there are places where some enormous flounder can be taken from the surf.

The eastern tip of Long Island Sound, at Orient Pt., harbors some unusually large bottom fish. Renowned for its bulldog blackfish, equally impressive are its flounder, some weighing more than a typical bay fluke. Perhaps one reason for its bounty is that the Sound is narrower here, a mere seven miles between Orient Pt. and the Connecticut Coast. Or it may be the influence of Block Island Sound on Long Island Sound, where strong currents, appropriately named Plum Gut, the Sluiceway, and the Race, form passages through a chain of islands off Orient, between Plum Island, Great and Little Gull, and Fisher's Island. The currents on the north side are, in fact, stronger than those on the south side, off Montauk, and the result is a rich food supply washed in close to Orient's shore. A walk along any beach between East Marion and Orient Pt. reveals a wider variety of sea plants teeming with microorganisms, small crustaceans, and shellfish, than at other sections of the north shore. For example, long ribbons of brown kelp are frequently washed ashore here, and sea skates are not uncommon; whereas they are seldom caught elsewhere along the north side surf.

The coast along this sector is defined by four points: Rocky Pt., Terry Pt., Mulford Pt., and Orient Pt. It also has three coves: Truman Beach, Petty's Bight, and a particularly rewarding, though nameless one, I call "Fishtrap Cove," which extends for about a quarter of a mile, from just east of Port of Egypt's Fishing Station to the fishtraps near Orient Pt. In the spring and fall, snowshoe flounder can be taken from these beaches.

Because of the varied terrain—mussel beds, seaweed beds, rocks and sandy stretches—a nine foot surf spinning rod and matching reel, filled with twenty pound test, should be considered. A pair of waders helps,



View east at Orient. Note rocks in water, fish traps in distance, and Orient's famous lighthouse.

too, especially when fishing the outgoing tide. I like to fish with two rods here because it is easier to cover different spots this way. Flounder rigs may be set up in tandem on one rod and high-low fashion on the other rod. The second rig is useful for fishing in weedy, rock-strewn areas. For the large flounder here, a #2 Chestertown or a 1/0 Beak or Claw is good. The hooks should be snelled on 12" leaders of thirty pound test. An end loop on the main line connects a three or four ounce bank sinker, and a dropper loop three inches above secures the bottom hook (or the tandem tied hooks). About thirteen inches above the lower hook, a second dropper secures the top hook. Rigged this way, the two hooks will clear each other, and many of the flounder will rise to the top hook. A stronger variation of this rig involves a three-way swivel tied to the main line and to an eighteen inch leader of thirty pound test with improved clinch knots. Tie the end loop and the bottom dropper, as before, but put the top snelled hook through the third

eye of the swivel. This rig will save line when you hang up on the rocky bottom.

Sand worms are probably the best bait to use for the flounder here, although other worms or clams may also be used. A substantial piece—at least half a sand worm or a similar sized clam—should be impaled on the hook, with a large amount trailing below the point. Remember, these are sea flounder, not bay fish. Although the worm is simply threaded on the hook, the clam should be pierced and twisted several times to prevent it from falling off. An unusual and deadly bait to consider for flounder in this area is the hermit crab, normally considered a bait for blackfish. Some bait shops in the vicinity, such as Port of Egypt in Southold, stock them during the fall blackfish run. The hermit crab resides in a borrowed shell and must first be evicted, by gently pounding and breaking the conch. Be careful not to crush the soft, spongy tail section (actually the abdomen), which is relished by flounder (and blackfish, as well). This

part is located in the innermost chambers of the shell. Cut the soft part off, and thread it on the hook like a worm. It is advisable to bring along at least two kinds of bait, perhaps trying a hermit on the bottom hook and a sand worm or clam on top. Moreover, with two rods, you can rig various combinations, including two baits on a single hook.

The best period to fish here is from about two hours before either tide changes to an hour after the slack. At Fishtrap Cove, for example, the area with which I am most familiar, I usually wade out during the tail end of the ebb tide and make a long cast, either off the rocky section just east of the Port of Egypt Station or the hard bottom just west of the traps. A sand spike secures one rod while I hang onto the other. Although flounder are supposed to be near the traps and blackfish near the rocks, I have caught both species at both spots. With two rods and a sand spike, I move along the beach, working each section for about twenty minutes until I locate the fish. This way, the whole area is covered faster than with a single rod.

In the rough areas near the rocks, a snag may occur when reeling in the last fifty to seventy-five feet of line. Gentle prodding will usually free the rig, especially if you step back on the beach and slowly pull straight back on the line with your hand. Still, it makes sense to bring along extra hooks and

sinkers.

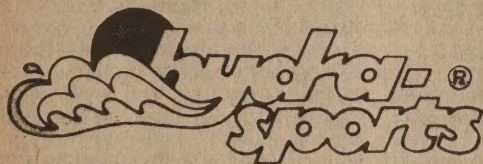
Snowshoe flounder generally strike the bait and set the hook themselves, and despite their large size, no unusual effort is required to bring them in; their flat bodies glide easily over the obstructions. You may catch some blackfish as a bonus, however, and you will recognize their strikes immediately. Unlike flounder, blackfish do not suck in the bait; instead they tear at it with their front teeth, and a series of rapid taps on the line, somewhat like a bergall, is the first signal, followed by a forceful plunge. Set the hook immediately and hold the rod high as you play the fish, otherwise it may snag you on the rocks. For those who do not consider sea skates a trash fish (their "wings" taste like scallops), plan on a second bonus. For those who do, release them because sea skates are vital to the delicate balance of life in the sea.

If you would like to cover several places along this three-mile area, take advantage of the one hour difference at high or low tide, between Truman Beach and Orient Pt., starting east and heading west. This way, you will extend the tidal change period and the most productive fishing time. Truman Beach is easily seen as you head east along Rte. 25, which narrows considerably, past East Marion. A thin spit of beach is formed here (on your left) by L.I. Sound and Dam Pond. A left turn on Rocky Pt. Road takes you to Rocky Pt., west of

Truman Beach; a left turn on Youngs Avenue takes you to Terry Pt., to the east. To get to Fishtrap Cove, the area I focused on, continue east on Rte. 25, almost to Orient Pt., where a sign indicates that the road ends within 1500 ft. Make a left here, into the Orient-by-the-Sea Housing Development. Then make an immediate right and another quick left, continuing to the Port of Egypt Fishing Station. It's only about three blocks from Rte. 25 to the beach, and there is ample parking space here. Walk onto the beach, and you will see Petty's Bight and Mulford Pt. to your left, and Fishtrap Cove to your right.

In the spring, large flounder predominate from mid-April to late-May, although last year, surprisingly, many smaller flatfish remained through July. In the fall, large flounder may be taken again, from mid-September to early November, depending on wind and weather. Northeasterly winds are common in the fall, and they tear up the seaweed beds, washing in too much kelp and debris for good bottom fishing. Southerly breeze will keep the wind at your back for easier casting and cleaner water.

If you would like to experience some unusual shore-bound angling for snowshoe flounder, in addition to some bonus blackfish, try the east end of the north fork. Small flatfish can be caught in many places, but snowshoes weighing over two pounds are here.



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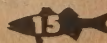
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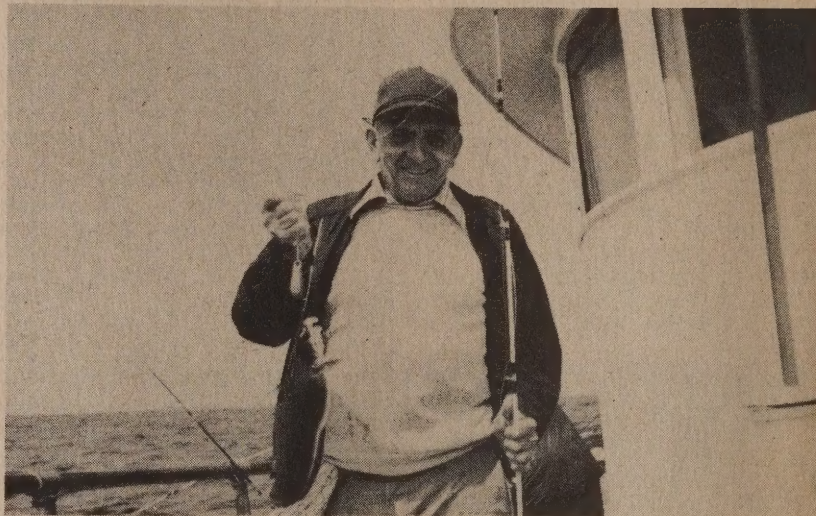
by Matt Ahern

Some fifty-odd years ago, I was a happy-go-lucky youngster who fished the New York Bight exclusively. I admit that fish-wise I was spoiled. ("Spoiled" is the only name for it.) Today, I am still that happy-go-lucky New York Bight fisherman—with two exceptions: I am no longer young and I am no longer spoiled. You can make book, though, that I wouldn't mind being spoiled again.

Interested in fluke during those long-gone days? No problem. Just step aboard any fluke-fishing party boat whose destination was the Sandy Hook grounds. If you were an experienced fisherman, there was no difficulty decking twenty-five or more fluke; maybe fifty on a very good day. Beginners could count on at least a dozen; usually more.

Sea porgy fishing? Drop your anchor on the Tin Can Grounds. If you withstood more than three rigorous hours of solid, high-speed porgy action the Tin Can afforded those days, you were a better man than me, Gunga Din. Sea bass? If you believed sea porgy fishing was unbeatable, you hadn't warmed up until you tried the sea bass. There seemed no end to them. Down, up. Down, up.

And we won't even discuss codfishing. It came as no surprise to me that most party boat skippers kept wheelbarrows handy for their codfishing passengers use. And if you believe I'm exaggerating even one bit in any



Ling are fish for everyone.

of this, check with any old-timer who fished through those glorious days.

And you wondered why I said we fishermen of the times were spoiled. I will admit that, though truthful in every respect, I did lay on the trowel with heavy hands—for not everyday was as good as depicted. We had our share of poor days, too. But even on those poor days, no one went home with empty buckets.

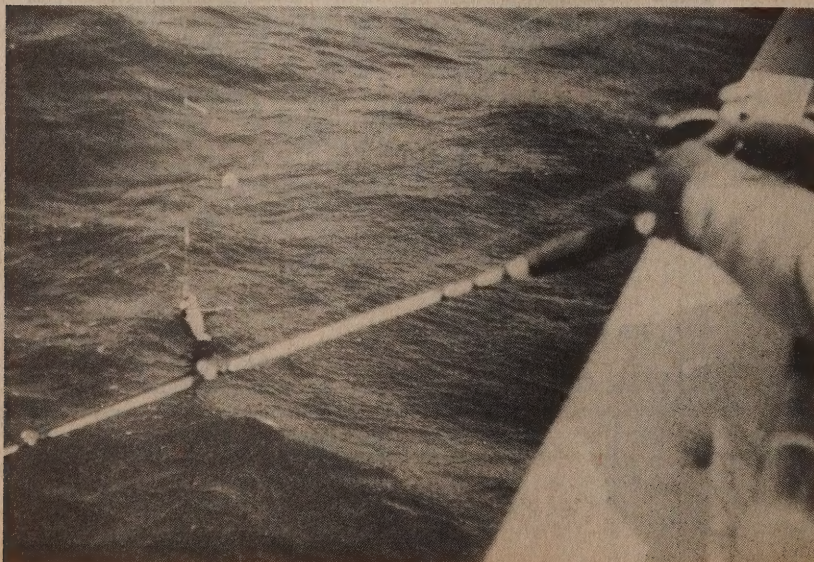
So, you say, enough already—what has this to do with ling? For if all

fishing was that good, the ling fishing had to be too. Right. But where that other fishing has now been reduced to a mere semblance of itself, ling fishing still retains its glow. I can truthfully say that I have never gone ling fishing and failed to catch all I wanted, even in these days of fewer fish. Therefore, for the private boat fisherman, the trick is in knowing when to fish—and where. As for party boat fishermen, there's nothing to be concerned about. No one beats out the dedicated party boat skipper at his own game.

Let's digress now and spend a minute on the ling's interesting life style. You know the old saw: the more one knows, etc.

Ling are prolific spawners, as are all members of the codfish family. A good-sized female can produce as many as two million eggs at one time. (Cod are the champs, though, with twelve million eggs being par for the course for a large female.) Something drastic must happen to most of these eggs, though, for if it didn't, we'd all be up to our armpits in ling and cod. But this interesting subject is grist for a future article; so we won't go into it now.

Apparently ling spawning occurs from late summer to early fall in the deeper, cooler offshore grounds. This is why few ling are caught during August and September when local waters become their warmest. Notwithstanding, some authorities believe ling spawn in spring.



One ling coming up. Note rig used for wreck fishing.

I do not understand this reasoning, for I have caught many spawn-laden ling in early July while fishing the Cholera Bank. In fact, fifty years ago, we sea bass fishermen found ling so thick on Cholera it often became necessary to spend several hours thinning them out before the bass became anything more than an occasional pick. Whether ling gathered here to spawn, I couldn't say, but they were certainly there in great numbers—especially on the "high-spots" which were the best producers.

Many fishermen who have caught ling in the normally deep water in which they live, liken them to an old boot as they reel them in. But let these fellows fish ling off Sandy Hook's Cedar Grounds in early May and they will soon change their minds. The water here is shallow, compared to offshore, and the ling put up quite a tussle. One would never believe this is the same fish caught in the hundred-foot depths.

Ling are usually caught on mud or sand bottom, rock ledges, rock-cluttered bottom, and around sunken wrecks, in water ranging from fifty to ninety feet (sometimes deeper, as when fishing the Mud Hole). Ling also seem to share the same curiosity streak of sea bass: lobstermen often find both in their pots. Many of the popular local wrecks such as the Stone Barge, Steel Wreck, Coal Barge, and C.O.D. Wreck hold a large population of ling in May and June.

One of the best places for open-bottom fishermen has always been the Ambrose Light (Tower) Grounds. If conditions allow, it's a good idea to try drifting when fishing such areas. Ling are not considered a schooling fish, but they do gather in great numbers in one region. Once the first few are taken, fishing will begin in earnest. Anchoring over such lively bottom and chumming with broken whole skimmer will quickly bring

them to your baited hook.

Rigging for ling is simplicity itself, for no elaborate tackle is needed. Any usual medium-weight boat rod one would use for deep-water porgy and sea bass fishing, equipped with a conventional revolving spool reel filled with 150 yards of twenty-five pound test monofilament line will do nicely.

Any 3/0 or 4/0 hook is satisfactory. My preference has always been for the regular-shanked Sproat style. It isn't necessary to use the heavier, long-shanked Carlisle or Kirby, for most ling will be jaw-hooked. If too many are being deeply-hooked, it means your reaction time is too slow. Sometimes this can be avoided if the bait is jigged slightly. It then becomes easier to feel the weight of the fish. It also makes the bait more attractive.

An eight ounce bank sinker when drifting or still fishing over open bottom is perhaps best; one of five or six ounces when used around wrecks and other obstructed bottom, where current force is usually reduced, should prove satisfactory.

When fishing open bottom, many fishermen tie two hooks, tandem-fashion, two inches above the sinker and let it go at that. It is best, though, to place a third hook about three feet higher (perhaps one size larger). Ling and cod being members of the same family, as noted, can be expected on the same grounds during early and late seasons. Many cod have won the boat pool for ling fishermen who took advantage of this fact. There is also an excellent chance of catching whiting on that top hook.

When wreck fishing, it is best to use but one bottom hook and an additional hook placed high enough to avoid entangling. Tandem-tied bottom hooks such as used on open bottom become a liability when wreck fishing. It is easy enough to become snagged—why make it easier?

Ling seem always hungry.

There is nothing edible in saltwater which is not acceptable as bait. Skimmer clam can't be beaten, and certainly fish bait of any type is never refused. Many years ago, I used to fish with a group of fishermen who enjoyed night codfishing. We would use squid then and we'd do pretty good with the cod—if the ling left us alone, that is. I know it is sometimes impossible to believe that ling bite better at night than they do during daylight, but it is so. So true, in fact, that we would have to fish wrecks for our cod instead of open bottom. At night, ling do not tarry around wrecks.

It is said that God made the roses and the devil added thorns. In this respect, the thorn that applies to ling fishing is the critter's soft flesh. When ling are caught during warm weather, some thought must be given to keeping them in prime condition.

Ling should always be protected from the sun and gutted as the opportunity presents itself—certainly as soon as the fishing is over—and thoroughly washed in saltwater. Always use a burlap or other porous bag to hold your catch. Be advised to shun the plastics as these have a tendency to retain heat and will hinder the drainage necessary to keep your fish cool. Plastic bags are useful, but only after you return to the dock...provided the trip home is not too long. Ling (and all fish) cared for in this recommended manner will remain firm and fresh for several hours.

May is your best ling-fishing month over open bottom, with late May and the entire month of June producing best for wreck fishermen. Keep it in mind and when you hear ling being mentioned as the prime target of the day, go out and try it. It won't take long to discover why old-timers called bait-happy ling everyone's fish.

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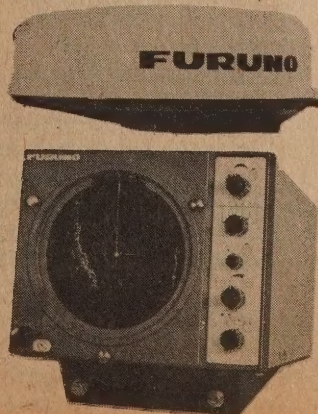
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CAPTAIN'S TABLE

FLOUNDER IN WINE SAUCE

by Eileen Regina

Everybody loves flounder fillet, and the fancy, eye-catching name of "sole" means nothing more than another species of our ubiquitous winter flounder—that little flatfish that we are all only too familiar with. There is grey sole, lemon sole; an English fish that is called Dover sole, and many, many other types of sole. But they are all members of the flatfish family, regardless of their exotic nomenclature, and run anywhere from tiny members that weigh less than a pound up to fish that are fairly large by anyone's standards. Aside from an almost undetectable variation of individual taste that can fool even the most discriminating gourmets, the basic difference between seeing the word "sole" printed on a menu as opposed to seeing "flounder" is the difference in the price charged for what may very well

be the very same item. So, though this recipe calls for fillet of sole as its main ingredient, you can substitute fillet of flounder with confidence, thereby losing nothing in the end result—which is the taste. And you can save a lot of money in the process too, as there is a substantial price difference between the two products at the market; but better yet, because our local winter flounder are so readily available to most of our fishermen.

I say "most of our fishermen," because you girls are not saddled with a fishing husband like my Andy. My guy is forever going out fishing for something or other most of the year, but rarely brings home much fish, if any at all at times! In the spring of the year, when everybody and his brother is bailing flounder like there's no tomorrow, does my intrepid idiot ever return with a bragging size catch? Not on your life he doesn't! He says that it's a sin to kill so many fish, and that there is no bottomless limit even to such a prolific fish as the flounder, and that he would rather keep a few larger flounder than a bucketful of small ones. And to compound the matter, he fishes for flounder by using a tiny bucktail jig that is used with a small piece of sand worm, swearing that only the larger flounder can be caught on the larger than normal hook found on his beloved Boone Shad Jigs. I don't argue with him anymore, 'cause it just does not make any difference to him anyway, but to be honest with you, he does bring home some nice big flounders, which he fillets for us, and this forms the base of the following recipe.

Sole in Tarragon Wine Sauce (Serves 6)

Tarragon is an elegant herb and this is truly an elegant dish, with three tiny white rolls of fish per person being centered by a sprig of green tarragon and lightly coated with a creamy white, green-flecked sauce. You will need a baking dish for this which is just large enough to hold the small fish rolls standing on end. It should be approximately a two quart, eight inch round dish, 3" deep. If that same baking dish can be brought directly to the table, so much the better.

Ingredients:

2 cups heavy sweet cream
9 small fillets of sole or flounder,

skinned

- 1 fresh lemon
- 3 tbs. thinly sliced shallots
- 1 clove garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 cups acidic white wine, such as Sancerre, Muscadet or Pinto Grigio (approx.)
- 2 egg yolks
- Kosher salt
- Black Pepper, freshly ground

Place cream in wide pan, and reduce to 2/3 cup. Heat oven to 350°.

Cut each fillet lengthwise down the center and remove any bones or large tendons that may be remaining. Put fillets in large bowl and add juice of one lemon and enough cold water to cover. Let sit 10 to 15 mins. to freshen the fish. Drain fish and pat dry with paper towels. Generously butter a baking dish that will hold fillets snugly when rolled.

Place fillets skin side down on your work surface; top each with a one inch piece of tarragon and roll up with narrowest end at the center. Stand rolled fillets side-by-side in dish, sprinkle shallots and garlic over top, and pour enough wine over the fish to barely cover. Cover with buttered waxed paper, placing buttered side down. Bake fish in bottom third of preheated oven for 10 or 12 mins., or until outside of fish is opaque.

When fish is done, turn oven off. Pour fish juices into a wide pan and set aside. Return fish, covered again with waxed paper, to turned-off oven. (If oven retains heat well, keep oven door slightly ajar.) Chop remaining tarragon and add to fish juices; begin to reduce over high heat. From time to time, pour any additional juices which fish gives off into saucepan. When fish juices have reduced to about 2/3 cup, pour reduced cream into fish juices.

Place egg yolks in small bowl and beat lightly. Slowly pour about 1/2 cup of hot cream mixture into eggs, whisking constantly. Keep adding cream until egg yolks are very warm; then, while whisking sauce, pour egg yolks into cream and cook over low heat about one or two minutes, or until sauce is slightly thickened. Season sauce with a little bit of salt and some freshly ground pepper. If desired, strain sauce. Pour over fish, serve hot, and enjoy.

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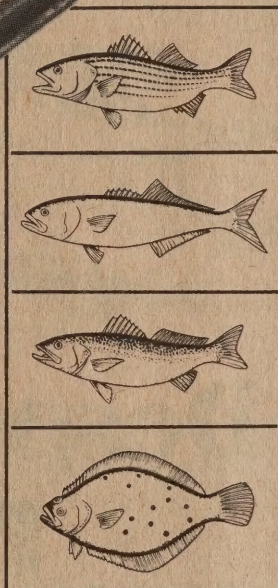
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Desperation Flounder: PECONIC BAY

Part Two — *by William A. Muller*

I think that we'll take a somewhat different approach to the business of how to catch flounder when they are really very tough to catch. Doc Grell, in Part I, interpreted the word "desperation" somewhat differently than I would. He says that he has always been able to scratch up a few flounder. To me, scratching up a few flounder is DESPERATION! We all know that there are lots of times when flounder fishing is so good that the problem is not catching the fish, but rather what to do with so many. Yet there are those days when they simply aren't very eager to bite and it can become very important to be able to "scratch up" a few in order to save the day! That's what I mean: saving the day!

I think we also need to consider that Peconic Bay is an entirely different body of water than the Great South Bay. The fish tend to average somewhat larger, and the season is a

bit different. Perhaps these are subtle differences, but it is often the subtle things that can mean big differences in angling approaches. So, we'll have to take our shot at this in our own way, but all the while keeping the thought in mind that to catch a half-dozen two pound flounder on a tide may not be the best day's fishing, but it wasn't a washout either.

In Peconic Bay, pulling a few respectable fish off the bottom on a day when the fishing is horrible requires a lot of work. On this Grell and I surely agree. That is, consistent successful flounder fishing requires a lot of work. You can see it on those bad days when the boats come back to port. Out of twelve boats perhaps one or two will have any fish. On good days, this will be reflected by the size of the catch. The hard-workers catch thirty, forty, fifty, or more big fish, while the fishermen who don't try quite so hard catch a dozen or less.

How do they do it? Are they just lucky? Do they know something that we don't know? Well, luck always plays a role in fishing, but the consistent successful fisherman structures his efforts in such a way so as to minimize the influence of luck. The less than successful fisherman moans about his bad luck and doesn't know what to do to overcome that situation. These successful fishermen do know something that others do not know. Well, don't keep us in suspense! Okay, they know that successful fishing requires lots of planning, time, and hard work. That's right! That's the big secret.

Sure, there are lots of little bits and pieces of information that good fishermen know, but then there are a lot of not so good fishermen who also know those facts. The little secrets are picked up with experience and from other good fishermen who always find the exchange of information between

hard fishermen to be an enjoyable experience.

It was the goal of this two-part mini series to reveal some of those little bits and pieces of information that might be helpful; at least the ones that Grell and I know about. Therefore, I'd like you to pretend that we are sitting around at dockside after a good day's fishing, exchanging thoughts on our favorite pastime.

There are several keys to desperation flounder fishing. These are locations, timing, techniques, chumming, bait, and judgment. We'll look at each of these one at a time and remember, this approach applies specifically to Peconic Bay.

Locations: When fishing is good, the hottest action can occur in several locations or it can be restricted to one. The spot will be one of many time-tested areas that have produced over the years. Thus, on good days the fisherman need only find THE spot. If there are lots of boats working the bay, the chances are that sooner or later somebody will find it and then all the boats converge. However, on desperate days, the fish are not likely to bite at all in those spots that are inconsistent producers on good days. There are exceptions, of course; but in general it's a good rule of thumb. Therefore, if I go fishing in Peconic and I try a few spots at prime time and still haven't done much, I accept the fact that it will be an off-day and then begin to revise my strategy for the day. There are a few spots in Peconic Bay that can produce a few fish even when fishing is poor and I will work these few spots with intensity. I'm sure that there are other areas that are not known to me; so I don't mean to imply that the ones I'll mention are the only ones. If you know of others, why not write and tell us.

The first place I'll go to is Nassau Point. There is a red buoy there and I set up about two to three hundred feet south or southwest of the buoy. I try to work this area during the last three hours of the incoming and the first three hours of the outgoing tide. On good days, I don't usually spend anymore than twenty minutes to one-half hour in a spot that isn't producing before moving on. However, on tough days, I'll spend up to an hour-and-a-half if I have some reason to believe there are a few cooperative fish around (a fish or several hits). I will also try several spots close to the buoy before giving up on this location for the day. Next stop would be Jessups Neck by the second fish trap on the west side of the neck. Again, I would set up about two to three hundred feet west of the second trap. If this spot does not produce any fish, I will go to Roses Grove (off the radio tower—a prominent landmark). Here I will drift if the wind isn't too strong. Fish that are spread out in this area can often be picked over. Unless you notice that you get hits repeatedly in the same spot, don't anchor, because it has been the experience of many fisher-

men that catching fish on a drift does not mean you'll catch fish when you anchor and chum. By now, if you started at half-tide at Nassau Point, the tide should be just above slack. If you have found cooperative fish in one of the above spots, you might want to stick it out and work the fish when the tide turns. Incidentally, you might also decide to do your fishing in the eastern Peconic. In that case, you would try inside Coecles Harbor, Cedar Point, and other spots. Perhaps next year I'll write about desperation flounder in the eastern Peconic, but time and space do not permit me to do this at this time; so by necessity the discussion is aimed at the western end. Some folks might argue that I should discuss Flanders and Jamesport and they'd have a good case, but I have found the extreme western-end season to be early and short and, therefore, I'll try to concentrate on the area between Robins Island and Jessups Neck. Many flounder fans on the east end work this area hard and it seems appropriate to discuss a location that is accessible to small private boats, livery rentals, larger private boats, trailered boats, and party boats. Back to the original thought.

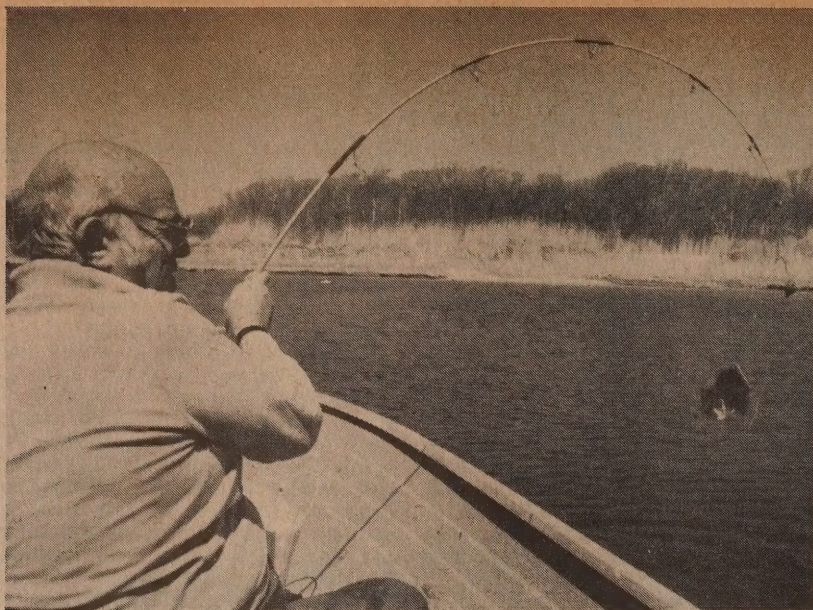
During the slack tide period, I head towards one particular spot and it is

off the black bell buoy at the southern tip of Robins Island. The current is almost always much too strong for fishing for flounder at the height of the tide, but during the slack period of about an hour on each side of the change, the currents slow a little and fish bite. Anchor about 50' to 100' south of the black buoy. These fish are somewhat smaller than those encountered in the other locations mentioned. Incidentally, they are almost all male fish! If I still have time, I may return to Nassau Point when the tide gets going again.

Timing: Your timing of where you go and when you do things is most important if you are to experience some success. For example, very, very few fish are taken at Nassau Pt. at low tide. Although slack high water will produce some action even on slow days, the bottom of the tide is virtually a waste of time. The amount of time you spend at a given location is important, too. No more than an hour if you aren't familiar with a spot, and an hour-and-a-half if you are familiar with the spot. When to drift? Timing is everything! Get a feel for the wind and sea conditions. Trying to drift for flounder on days when the wind is over fifteen miles an hour is not the best approach, but if the tide



Careful preparation of the chum pot is a key to success on poor days and great days alike.



Peconic Bay sea-run flatfish are big and feisty. Catching even a modest number on a given day can be a worthwhile fishing experience.

is against the wind it will slow the drift and you might succeed. Here's where experience and general fishing knowledge come into it.

Technique: There are a few good tips on technique for flounder that are good at any time, but these become all-important when the fishing is very slow. These are: keep a tight line, lift slowly at regular intervals, check your baits periodically, and bounce the sinker and hooks frequently to disturb the bottom and attract the flounder. Logic dictates this. If the fish aren't eager eaters, then it stands to reason that the few that do will be less than enthusiastic. Slack line might betray the fisherman and help the flounder. I have found that sluggish flounder may suck in a perfectly good bait and then spit it out again. Not so with hungry fish! With tight lines, the smallest nibble or weight can be detected. Hook 'em before he leaves go of that bait! I have also witnessed many occasions when no fish were being taken and one of the anglers would begin a steady bouncing of his rod tip: small bounces, mind you! In a short amount of time the sinker bouncer was into a fish. Where stubborn fishermen refused to follow the lead of the experimenter, they

commonly remained fishless or with an extremely small catch. Sluggish flounder may steal a bait with great ease too, and thus, baits need to be checked every fifteen minutes even when no bites were felt. Even very tight lines need to be lifted slowly every few minutes (assuming the bouncing trick isn't the called-for approach). On slow days, and even on good days, I have taken a number of fish that I became aware of as just a little weight when I made a slow and gentle lift.

Chumming: Chumming is always a very important part of flounder fishing. I know it is possible to catch flounder without a chum pot or chumming, but I do not consider it to be wise practice to attempt this as a regular approach. When flounder are off their feed, the business of chumming becomes even more important. I believe it is important to: use a chum pot; the chum pot needs to be large; fill it with crushed mussels or minced clams, and lift it regularly to send goodies down-tide. In a current, it is also a good idea to throw the pot over the bow. It will come to rest under the boat. Fish your lines behind the boat and thus, as the fish come up in the chum slick to

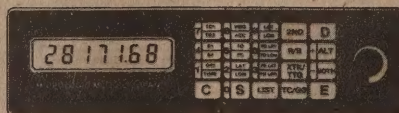
investigate, they'll meet your baited hooks first. This is how the sharpies describe things when the flounder are active, but does this happen when they are off their feed? I don't believe so. Rather, I suspect that the fish are scattered on good bottom and without chum, they can't be coaxed to move. With the use of chum in a pot the ones that are closer to the boat will approach the pot to investigate. They may still not bite, which is why technique can spell the difference between catchin' that sucker and not getting 'em!

Bait: Although lots of baits will work in Peconic Bay and elsewhere when the fish are actively feeding, flounder can become very selective when they are unmotivated. I frequently am criticized for saying that the best flounder bait is mussels. I have fished for flounder almost everywhere that flounder are caught in Long Island waters, and I have never seen a bait that consistently outproduced the bank mussel. Thus, I naturally feel it is very important that this be the bait when the flounder are picky. I carry my preference one step further in that I will not use the flesh of any bank mussel. The mussels vary a lot in size, color, texture, and water content. Hungry flounder will gobble up any piece of mussel, but on slow days, I use only the biggest, yellowest, softest, and juiciest mussels I can find. I separate them as I open them and either use the less desirable pieces of chum or for bait on another occasion when the flounder aren't quite so fussy.

When to give up: This may seem like a strange topic, but it really isn't. Hard work is important, but there comes a time when hard work becomes compulsion and any realistic person can realize that it just isn't their day. That's the time to go home. When is that point reached? Obviously, it will vary with the individual since our approaches and our breaking points are all different. Fishermen who are most knowledgeable about a place will tend to hang-in too long, believing that they can find a way to ferret out a few fish. I used to be more unrealistic, but in recent years, I am more realistic. I'll give it about three hours of prime time; that is, beginning somewhere near high tide and the three hours that follow. I've learned to tell myself that there is always another day.

Summary: We all hope that our fishing trips will be under ideal conditions and that the family will enjoy many dinners of fish fillets. Face it—that just isn't always the case. Drastic times call for drastic measures and if you find yourself fishing in the western Peconic Bay for spring flounder on a slow day, maybe you can pull a decent day out of the ashes of adversity. The keys are locations, timing, technique, chumming, bait, and unfortunately, knowing when to call it a day. The fish will be there tomorrow in force when you and I are busy working for the man!

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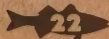


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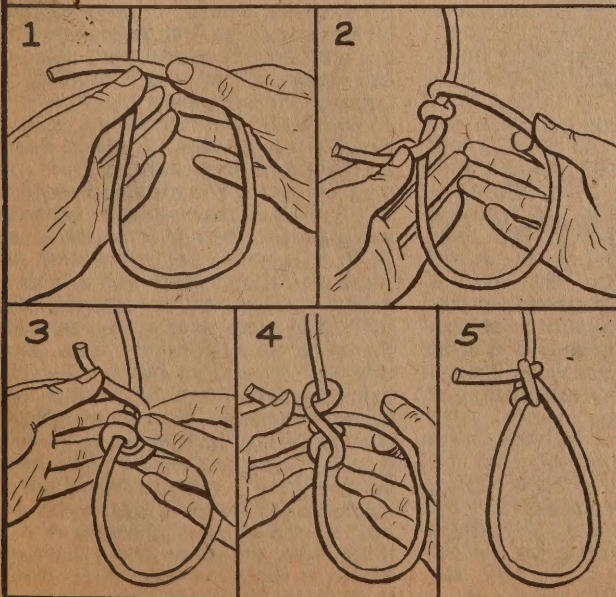
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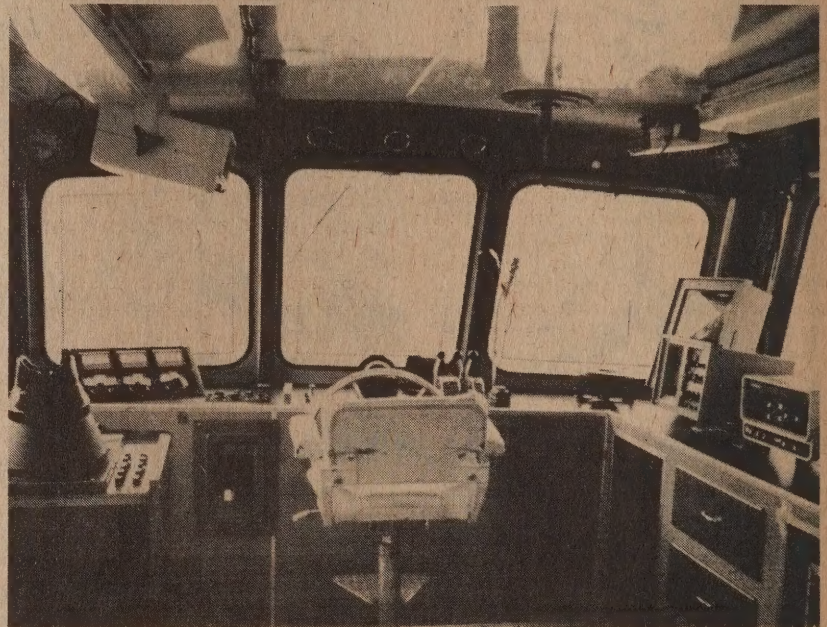
Conclusion — by Jens Jacobs

As indicated in the last article (Issue #12), this installment will be the conclusion of this series. As you may recall, I mentioned at the start of this series that the sole purpose was to get you started in navigation and to learn how you, as a fisherman, can benefit from being a sharp navigator. I'm sure you noticed that I am a great believer in fundamentals such as the proper use of charts, basic plotting tools, associated fundamental mathematics as well as basic and essential instruments and the ability to work with them. In other words, if the fundamentals are not understood, you cannot expect to be good at navigation. The mere ability to read a Loran readout is a far cry from being a proficient navigator.

This week we're going to work on a number of problems that involve different techniques and equipment that was covered thus far. Again, we are going to stay in the western part of Long Island Sound, but it should be remembered that the principles involved stay the same regardless of whether you work out of Northport, Montauk, Florida, Jersey or China. So, why don't we cast off and go fishing for the day with me as the owner of a \$750,000 sport fishing machine and you as the navigator.

We are going to leave from Huntington and run to bell R"8." From there, to the RB buoy north of Eatons Neck, and from there to a wreck lying 41.05'0 N 73.13'7 W. The speed of the boat is known to be 14.3 knots and figuring from the RB buoy, the current has a set of 070 true and a drift of 1.1 knots. As the owner, I want to know the following: course, distance, and time from R8 to RB; course, distance, and time from RB to wreck. The deviation of the compass is 003 degr. west for the first leg, and 006 deg. east for the second leg. Give courses in true and mag., distance to the closest 1/10, running time in minutes and seconds, and speed over the bottom from RB to wreck.

To reduce searching time (I want to save fuel), we are going to take bearings on the water tower in 41.07'5N 15.19'4W, Penfield Reef Light, and Stratford Shoal light. We also use a sextant to position us over the wreck, using the same objects we use for bearings. To better visualize the situation, we also want to draw in the two circles of position. The following is required: 1) true and mag. bearings of the three objects; 2)



Such an array of sophisticated electronics certainly make the job easier, but anyone can learn to become a proficient navigator with just a few basic tools.

sextant angles between them; 3) two positions in lat. and long. of point X (center of position circle; 4) mag. course of a line tangent to position circle at wreck. Note: Use any method you like, with whatever equipment you have, but try to be as accurate as possible. Sick and tired of fishing, I want to go to Port Jefferson for lunch, and I want to be at the Sea buoy 40.59' on 73.06'4W by 11:30 a.m. 5) at what time must you get under way if the speed is going to be 8.7 knots, without allowing for any set and drift? At 10:55 you take a radar bearing on Stratford Shoal with the following results: relative bearing 308 degr. while the boat is right on course with a range of 5.1 miles. Required: 6) your position in lat. and long. At time of observation. As you can see, you are being set off course, and in order to get there on time you would have to lay out a completely new course as well as change your speed. After lunch we go back out and head home for Huntington. From the gong 11A, we lay out a course to RB of Eatons Neck. What is the compass course if the deviation is 006 degr. W? After a few minutes on this course, we see some birds working on our Stb. side and head for them. Sure enough, a

good school of fish shows up on the recorder. The fishing is hot, and a good friend with whom we are in radio contact would like to get in on the action. He reports that he is at the cable and anchor reef and requests what course to steer. In order to give him a course, we first must establish our position. We pick up our sextant and determine an angle of 39.32'0 between the twin towers in 40.54'0N 73.08'4W and Old Field Point Light a and 63.50'0 between Old Field Point and Stratford Shoal light. 8) Find his mag. course. 9) You expect to see him at 2.5 miles distance; at what time do you expect to see him if he leaves at 13.15 at a speed of 18.6 knots? At 14:55 we decide to pack it in and take a final position. By coincidence, the twin towers are exactly in line with the very tip of Crane's Neck and Stratford Shoal light has a magnetic bearing of 069. From that position we lay out a course to RB at Eaton's Neck and depart at 15:06 at an estimated speed of 16.6 knots. At 15:25 you observe in the radar a target at a relative bearing of 045 degr. With the boat on course at a distance of 3.1 miles, what do you expect this target to be? At 15:29 you observe the stack in 40.55'4N 73.20'6W. The west light

of the oil terminal platform north of the stack is in range while the sextant angle between that range and Eaton's Neck is 42.32'0. What was the actual speed made good over the bottom since your departure at 15:06 and are you on your intended track? The rest of the trip is uneventful and we simply round the RB buoy and go home on a southerly course. Obviously this is more than one would ordinarily do, but if you worked your way through this day, you are on your way to becoming a good navigator. There is, of course, a lot more to cover such as danger bearings, running fixes, etc. In short, more in-depth coverage on all subjects. Remember, a good navigator is always planning, always checking, and always ahead of the boat on his chart predicting E.T.A., where, and when to see the next reference point, alert to take advantage of special opportunities, and uses everything available to him in the form of equipment and aids to navigation. He also sees to it that his equipment is in top operating condition and understands the capabilities as well as the limitations of his equipment.

Surely this is not a subject mastered by reading eight articles in *The Fisherman*, but I hope it has generated a spark in some of you to look into the subject a little further on your own. Yes, it's the basic fundamentals of the subject that must be understood before you can become good at it. Electronics, as marvelous as they are, don't make a good navigator out of a novice; they just make someone who is a good navigator better.

In closing this series, I would like to leave you with one last thought. Good navigation may not make you a good fisherman, but it certainly will increase your chances of finding places that hold promise of better fishing.

For those of you who would like to check the answers to the problems, here they are:

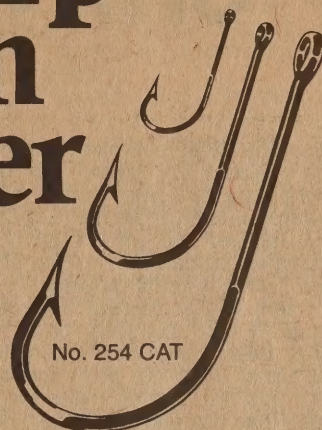
R8 to RB 013.5 T. 026 mag. 029 C.C. 2.9 Dist. 12 min. 10 sec. RB to wreck 042.5 T 055 mag. 049 C.C. 8.8 Dist. 34 min. 31 sec. Speed over bottom from RB to wreck 15.3 knots. Bearings: water tower 315.5 T 328 Mag. Penfield Reef 047.5T 070 mag. Stratford Shoal 100T 112.5 mag.

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If any of you have any questions, comments good or bad, I'd like to hear from you. Jens Jacobs, P.O. Box 534, Northport, N.Y. 11768. In the meantime, good fishing.

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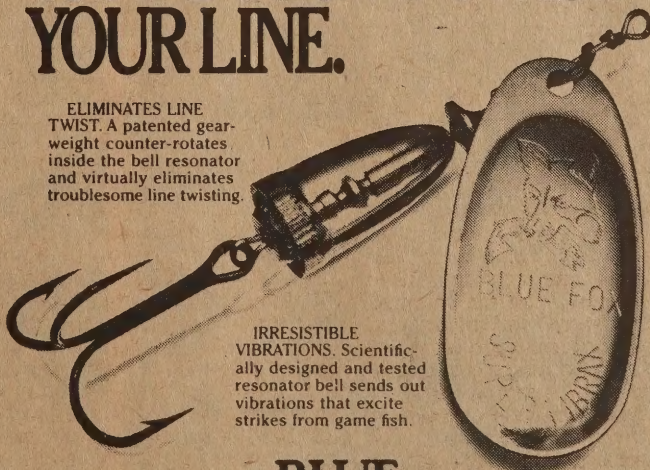
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PROSPECTING THE SHINNECOCK CANAL

by Matt Ahern

Even the most optimistic among us don't expect to "knock 'em dead" every time out. Just being there is reward in itself. If we nail a couple of fish—all well and good. If not...well, things will be better next time. This is how I used to think, anyway.

Then I discovered Shinnecock Canal. I can truthfully say I have never been "skunked" when fishing the Canal. And I've been acquainted with this fine fishing place for more years than I care to remember, having first dunked bait there in 1927 or 1928. There was a spell of five-six years ago when I fished there every day without fail—winter and summer. Ice on the rod, on the line, or in the reel workings meant nothing. I always caught fish. I know that if I were to go there tomorrow (it's only five minutes from the house), I would get some kind of action.

There aren't many shore-fishing spots on Long Island one can say that about today.

Unfortunately, the Canal is quite a way out on the Island for those fellows who reside in or near the city, and

while many of these fishermen would like to give it a try, they dislike going out "blind." They're heard disgruntled fishermen relate that after a long trip, they've found the locks open and the tide rushing through at a mile-a-minute clip. Which is true enough. But cheer up. At the end of this article, I'll tell you of a method which will guarantee that when you get out there, those locks will be closed and you can fish to your heart's content.

Not everyone enjoys shore fishing as a steady diet, and I know there are fellows who feel several trips a year are enough to see how the other half lives. For those fellows especially, but for all interested fishermen in general, I have set down a month-by-month description of the Canal's activities, encompassing a complete year. You can rely on this "calendar," for it is the result of many years' Canal experience.

I would suggest that interested fishermen keep this rundown handy.

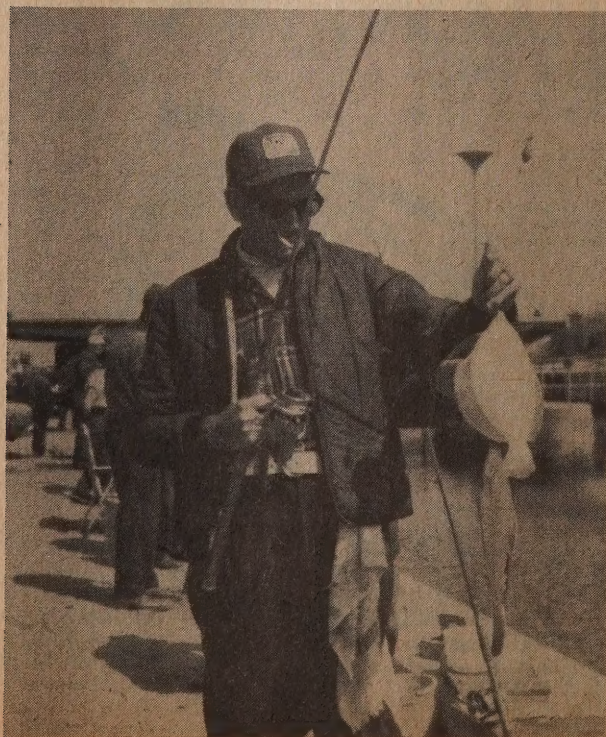
JANUARY: Weather is the deciding factor this month. If it has been

mild for several days, and if the sun is shining on the day you intend to fish, flounder can be expected. You won't get many, but what you do manage may well be the largest you'll hook all year. Bloodworm, fresh skimmer (no salted stuff, please), soft clam (steamers), or hard clam (chowders), are the preferred bait.

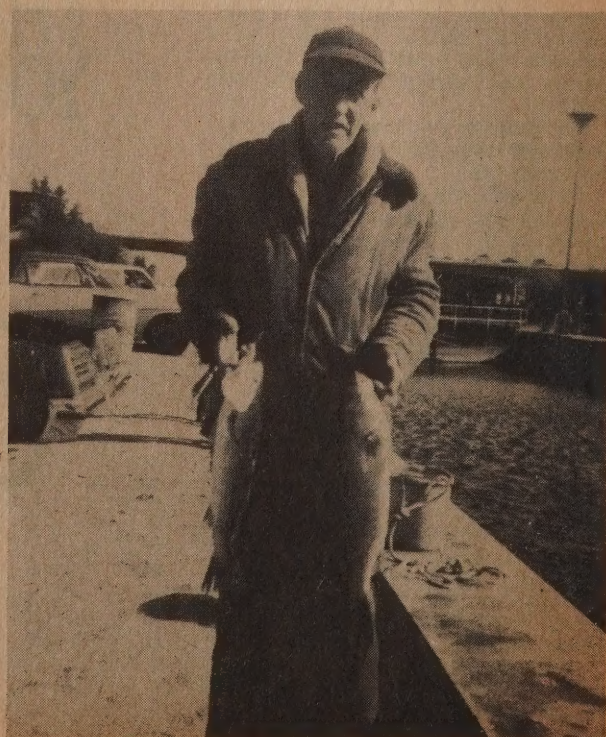
FEBRUARY: The early part of this month is often slow. Better to wait until after Washington's Birthday. Flounder fishing then goes into gear. Most fish are thin, milt-laden males. The same bait as for January produces.

MARCH: This is the month flounder fishing goes into full swing. Still plenty of thin fish, but gradually putting on weight as St. Patrick's Day approaches. Before month's end, fish show some muscle. Larger fish are now available. Rely more on soft clam and marine worms, rather than skimmer and hard clam.

APRIL: Still plenty of easily-caught flounder about. Double-headers are now common. Some fish to a pound-and-a-half; an occasional two



A typical Canal spring flounder.



The author displays a brace of late April weakfish.

pounder for lucky anglers. As water warms, more reliance should be placed upon worms. (This applies not only to the Canal, but wherever flounder are sought.)

Toward the end of this month, a natural changeover occurs. No longer is it necessary to rely on a steady diet of flounder. The vanguards of weakfish are at hand. Early-run fluke prowls the Canal bottom. Even freakish cold weather doesn't deter these fish now.

When this time arrives, and coinciding with the time the locks are closed, I pick out a mildish night just before month's end and try for my first weakfish of the year. Only three times in the past ten years have I failed to connect on this first attempt—the fish arrived a week or so later than.

For this fishing, I use a plain chrome or nickel-finish, quarter ounce jig head on a 4/0 hook, tipped with a narrow, three inch strip of local squid. This is cast out and slowly retrieved about three feet off bottom, accompanied with light twitchings of the rod tip.

This nighttime method outfishes most other artificials until the fish settle in, which is about the first week of May; around Mother's Day it is best. During daylight, however, the usual array of artificial lures do better, but squid strips still produce at night. After the middle of May, weakfishing comes to an abrupt halt in the Canal.

MAY: Flounder still available, but slowing rapidly before mid-month. Fluke on the scene, but not in the overwhelming supply of five-six years ago. Sea robin become plentiful. Use them for bait by slicing strips from the

tail. Canal fluke love it.

An occasional porgy shows for those bottom fishermen using worm bait. An occasional blowfish, too.

JUNE: Fluke still available, but throwbacks increase in number. Still enough keepers around to make it interesting, but not so many as in May. Occasional kingfish, too, but nothing like past years. A few big blues around to startle the bejabbers out of fluke fishermen.

JULY: About the same as June. Small snappers show by third week.

AUGUST: Snappers are now the big thing. Good size by month's end. Some fluke still about, but gradually diminishing by end of month.

SEPTEMBER: Snappers galore! Use spearing for best results. Small Kastmasters and Sidewinders (bunker finish) for the lure fisherman.

OCTOBER: Large snappers until end of first week (or first good blow). Flounder show by mid-month. Scads of bait-stealing infant porgies, blowfish, bergalls, etc., to drive baitfishing sinker bouncers up the wall, continuing until the third week. Blackfish begin to show and sharpies who know the Canal well, score heavily with fiddlers.

NOVEMBER: Blackfish and flounder—mostly flounder. Blacks leave after first cold spell. Flounder larger and more plentiful as the days pass. Same baits as early spring.

DECEMBER: Strictly flounder. For the sinker bouncer who can pick his days weather-wise, there are large fish available. Same baits as January. And there you have it!

There are two things to keep in mind. Arrival and departure time of each species are approximate, but it

will seldom vary more than two or three days. And most important: bring plenty of extra terminal tackle. The Canal bottom is notorious for snagged riggings.

Now to that system of determining when the locks are closed.

The opening and closing of the lock doors are not man-induced. This is accomplished by the rise and fall of the tides. To determine when the locks close or open takes but a minute and the necessary information is readily available.

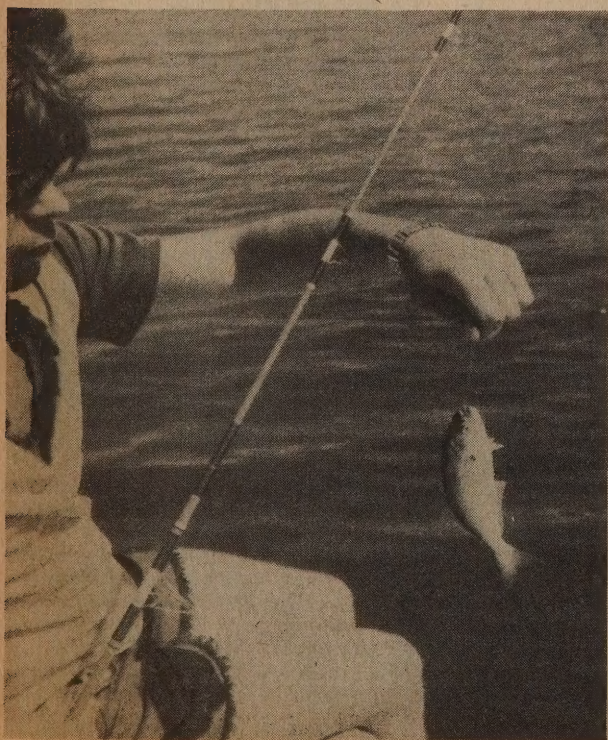
Pay attention now. In fact, I suggest you copy this for safekeeping.

Check the tide tables in *The Fisherman* or your daily newspaper for the day you plan to fish. Then use the Sandy Hook listing and **DEDUCT** three-and-one-half hours from the reading. This will give you the time the tidal doors **close**. **ADD** two-and-one-half hours to the listing and you will have the time the doors **open**.

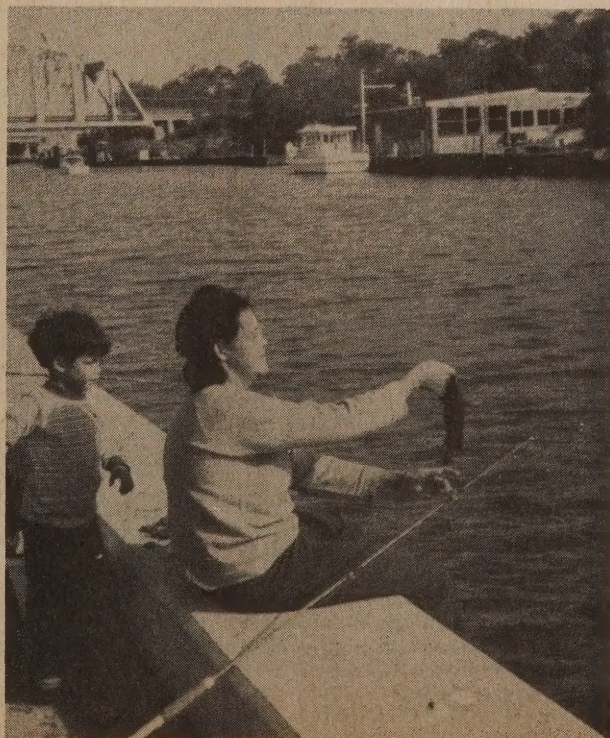
This method is simple and fool-proof. It always works and seldom varies so much as ten minutes, which is of little matter. You can fish any time within those six hours and find the Canal quiet as a millpond. This system has taken me several years of trial-and-error, but you are welcome to it.

Oh, yes. Fish at the south side of the locks, and if possible, get there before the doors close. Such a good fishing spot draws fishermen from all over. This early rising, when necessary, has always been the price fishermen have paid if they wish to catch fish in Shinnecock Canal. But everyone takes it in stride and I have yet to hear anyone complain.

I don't think you will, either.



Mid-summer means snappers.



Fall and blackfish go together.

MINI TRAVEL SPECIAL:

OUTER BANKS FOR THE BOATMAN

by Al Ristori

Last week we discussed the many shore fishing opportunities on the Outer Banks, and how easy it is to get down to that great fishing area. Now, let's look into the boat fishing.

The big spring attraction to the Outer Banks is the early run of blue marlin. This area is justly regarded as being the greatest producer of blue marlin in the Continental United States. It's a bit difficult to accept the fact that the semi-tropical blue marlin can be taken this far north as early in the year as April, but the proximity of the Gulf Stream to the Outer Banks makes this quite possible. Though the first blue may well be taken in April, May is a better choice—and good blue marlin fishing will continue well into June. Of course, blues will be caught all summer, but they don't seem to be as abundant then as in the spring.

To be perfectly frank, the use of the word "abundant" in regard to blue marlin is somewhat of a misnomer. Blues tend to be solitary, and it's necessary to put in a lot of time in order to get a shot at one. However, they do seem to come through this area in bunches—and results can vary greatly from day to day. On good days, most of the boats in the fleet may at least raise blues, while other days will produce little or nothing. Those dedicated to blue marlin fishing are willing to put up with this in order to get a shot at the fish of a lifetime. Not only does this area produce more blue marlin than anywhere else in the Continental U.S., but it takes a back seat to no other spot in the Atlantic when it comes to size. Though the all-tackle world record for Atlantic blue marlin was lost to the Virgin Islands in 1977, Hatteras retains the men's 80 lb. test standard with a 1,128 lb. fish caught on June 5, 1975 by Dr. Fulton Katz on the private boat Jersey Devil.

Most of the blue marlin caught on the Outer Banks run between 200 and 500 lbs., and are great sport on 80 lb. tackle. Unfortunately, that heavy gear does take some of the fun out of the fine variety fishing that's often possible in the same Gulf Stream waters. Dolphin and yellowfin tuna are very abundant at times, while white marlin, sailfish, wahoo, skipjacks, and mako sharks are also common. All of these species tend to



A blue marlin goes up on the scales at the Hatteras Marlin Club during the Hatteras Marlin Tournament last June.



Bill Bazemore gaffs a king mackerel caught on a Hopkins by Fritz Norseman off Hatteras. Joel Arrington photo.

cluster near the edge of the blue water, and those boats concentrating solely on blue marlin would often avoid them by working a little further offshore. Fishing for white marlin and sailfish is usually spotty in the spring, but improves sharply during the summer. Indeed, the late August - early September white marlin fishing off Oregon Inlet is probably the best to be found anywhere this side of Venezuela. It's not unusual for the Oregon Inlet charter fleet to catch and release hundreds in a day during that period!

The biggest fleet on the Outer Banks is located at Oregon Inlet. There are about thirty-five charter boats in the marina, most of which fish offshore. A few take charters for species found further inshore, such as king mackerel and bluefish. While the rates have gone up along with fuel prices, you'll find them to be quite low in comparison with offshore charter fares in our own area. Trips usually start about 6AM and return by 4PM or 5PM. The Oregon Inlet Fishing Center (919-441-6301) provides booking for this fleet, plus a large tackle shop, restaurant, and fish cleaning facility.

If you want to try this fishing on your own, there is a good ramp at the fishing center. However, the spring fishing usually requires a forty mile run to the southeast—and rough weather is common. Furthermore,

Oregon Inlet itself can be quite hazardous when the ebb tide meets a heavy swell. In the early Seventies, I watched the Coast Guard fish out the bodies of some small boat anglers who got caught on the bar while seeking stripers in December. The summer is a much better bet for those who wish to trail their boats here, as the fishing is closer and the seas usually calmer.

Further down the line, there are about thirteen charter craft sailing from various Hatteras docks. Charters can be arranged through Fishin' Stuff Tackle Shop, P.O. Box 155, Hatteras, NC 27943 (919-986-2111) and through such basins as Hatteras Harbor Marina (919-986-2305), Oden's Dock (919-986-2555), and Teach's Lair Marina (919-986-2532). Many private boats from New Jersey and Long Island come down to Hatteras for the spring run, as it's only eighteen miles offshore to the Gulf Stream. Launching facilities are also available, but it should be noted that Hatteras Inlet is very rough and unstable. Just as at Oregon Inlet, there is usually fine trolling closer to shore for bluefish and king mackerel. Party boats are berthed at both Oregon Inlet and Hatteras, but cater strictly to the tourist trade. They may not sail during the week in the spring, and you'll have to check current schedules in order to determine whether they're fishing in the Sound or offshore.

As good as the offshore fishing is, there's also plenty of other boat fishing on the Outer Banks. Pamlico Sound is a vast area of sand flats cut by many channels. Due to its shallow nature, it remains fishable in some pretty stiff breezes—and there's usually something to catch. Flounder (fluke) and gray trout (weakfish) are the most commonly sought species, but there are also sheepshead, croakers, spot, cobia, channel bass, sharks, and some huge rays. During the summer some tarpon even show up. When I made my first trip to Hatteras about a decade ago, Ken Lauer took me to an abandoned pier in the Sound where we were going to cast for weakfish. We did catch some weaks and fluke on jigs, but I also came up with some very respectable blackfish (plus small sea bass) from around the pilings by baiting with pieces of blueclaw crab. Few of the locals can even identify the normally cold water blackfish, and yet they have plenty of them right in their "back yard."

The inshore boat fishing that really makes the trip worthwhile is for cobia and channel bass. Both species are normally caught by bottom fishing with cut bait, though in different areas. Cobia are sought in the channels just behind Hatteras and Ocracoke. They normally average from twenty to thirty-five pounds, but

some over fifty pounds are also taken. Cobia are strong fighters, but they can be taken on light tackle in Pamlico Sound due to the shallow water and a lack of hang-ups. To top it off, cobia are excellent eating. Unfortunately, this fishing has gone downhill in recent years—though it's still probably the best for this unusual species that can be found so far north. A few small boat guides specialize in cobia fishing, and I can recommend Ken Lauer at Outer Banks Safaris, P.O. Box 99, Buxton, NC 27920 (919-995-5183). This fishing starts in mid-May and is good into early summer.

An even better bet is the channel bass fishing, though few visitors seem to know just how easy it is to catch one of these fine game fish from a boat. When most anglers think of channel bass, they envision spending weeks in the high surf waiting for that one prize fish to come along. Actually, it

needn't be that tough if you hook up with a good surf guide, but it's a lot easier to tie into the trophy you desire from a boat. In terms of quantity, it's hard to beat the inlet fishing in April and early May at Hatteras and Ocracoke. Captain Norman Miller has caught as many as twenty-eight channel bass in a day fishing Ocracoke Inlet with his 25½ ft. Harker's Island. Unfortunately, this fishing seems to be at its best when the inlets are rough, and it's necessary to get right into the slop in order to catch fish. This is no sport for those subject to seasickness or afraid of breaking waves—and definitely not for private boats unfamiliar with the inlets!

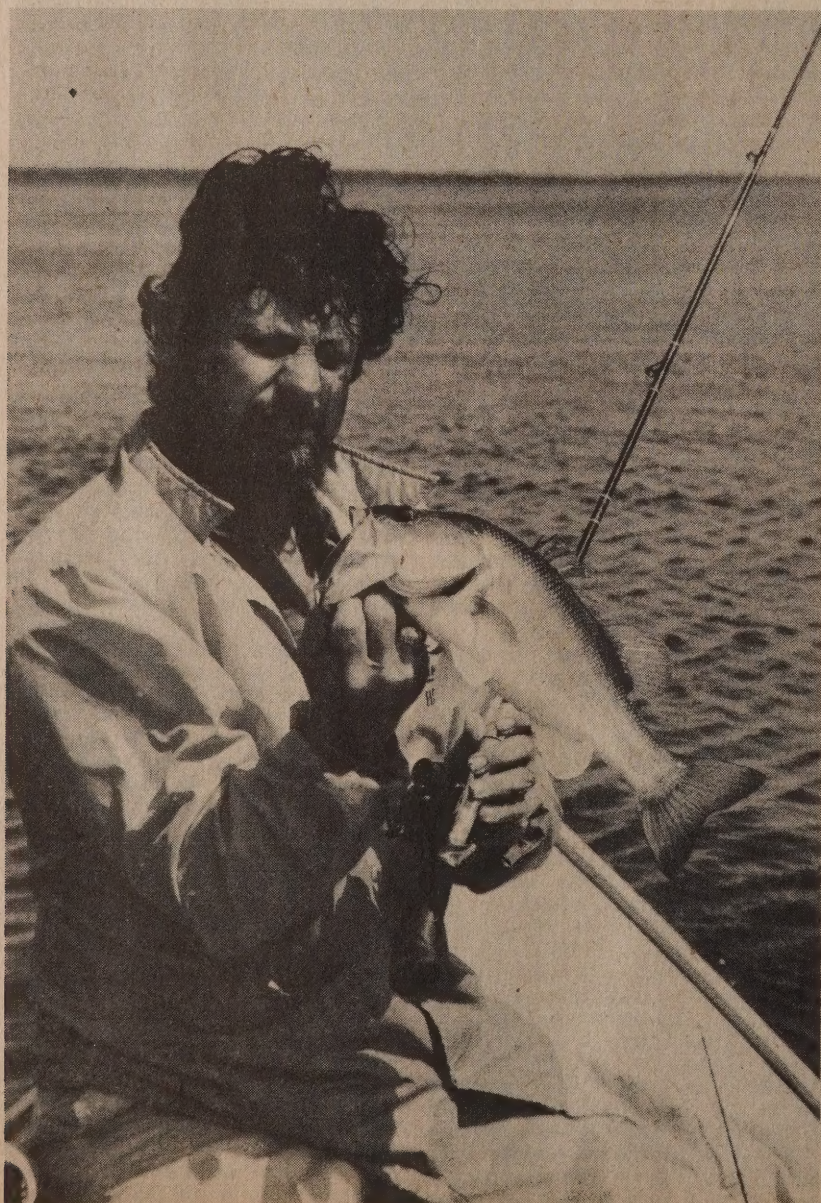
By mid-May the channel bass have moved into the Sound, and most visitors figure it's all over until the fall. However, Norman can then put you into very nearly ideal channel

bass fishing. Let the winds howl and the seas break—you'll be fishing in comfort in three feet of water on a shoal in Pamlico Sound. Channel bass move onto these shoals to feed on crabs at dusk, and the fishing is quite consistent. Don't look for big scores (Norman's never had more than six on an evening trip), but he almost always gets at least one or two. I fished with Norman a couple of evenings last June when it was blowing so hard from the southwest that the normally unflappable Hatteras skippers cancelled our offshore trips. Yet, despite being completely exposed on that shoal in the Sound, we fished as if we were on a mill pond—and caught channel bass at dusk!

Each night my fish were only in the twenties, but famous outdoor writer Charley Waterman nailed a forty-two pounder. Captain Miller has taken channel bass up to 56½ lbs. from these shoals, and a fifty-nine pounder was caught by another boat in 1979. One of the unique aspects of this fishing is the fact that the bottom-hugging channel bass is panicked by being hooked in such shallow water, and reacts by shooting across the flats like an outsized bonefish. Light tackle is suitable, due to the shallow water, though very light line may not stand up to the grass that grows abundantly on these shoals. Norman is the only guide fishing this area, and is joined on the flats only by a few outboarders, most of whom stay at his Lakeside Cottage Court. For reservations, contact Captain Norman Miller, Box 264, Ocracoke, NC 27960 (919-928-5711).

Before leaving the subject of channel bass, it should be noted that it is possible to catch these fish on lures. They seem to have poor sight and will rarely chase a lure from a distance. However, they will jump on a great variety of lures when they're dragged within striking range. Hopkins are a particular favorite because they can be cast a great distance. However, plugs and bucktail jigs will also work. Since casts must be accurate, this is sight fishing—which requires relatively clear water conditions. Schools of channel bass can be spotted fairly easily in shallow waters along the outer bars and in the Sound due to their copper coloration. It's all very simple when everything works out just right, but that doesn't happen with any regularity!

If you've had your fill of blue marlin, wahoo, dolphin, channel bass, cobia, etc., there's still more variety at your doorstep on the Outer Banks. Without any great effort, you can get into some of the finest largemouth bass fishing in the country in Currituck Sound. This fresh water area is easy to fish on your way down or back. Last spring, I stopped off at the Caroland Farm Hunting and Fishing Lodge in Poplar Branch, just off Rt. 158. As is usually the case when I visit an area, it blew half a gale and fouled up the fishing. To make things worse, in this case it was a



Author with a typical Currituck Sound bass that hit a Johnson weedless spoon cast into the pepper grass beds.

northeaster—which is regarded as about the worst wind for fishing in that area. I've learned to live with northeasters at home—but in North Carolina? In June? Hey, give me a break!

Fortunately, it's possible to fish the shallow waters of Currituck Sound under almost any wind conditions. However, a strong northeaster spoils things by literally blowing the water out of the prime fishing areas on the eastern side of the Sound. Many of the best spots become too shallow, and the bass scatter into deeper water. Joel Arrington and I really had to work for our bass while we were there, but we managed to pick away. By the second day there wasn't even enough water to fish in the spots we worked the first day, so we had to start from scratch. Maybe that was just as well, because we hit some very good fishing around offshore pepper grass beds during mid-afternoon.

When it comes to black bass fishing, I have little patience for working plastic worms. However, I love the surface action and don't mind pitching a weedless spoon into heavy cover all day long. The pepper grass beds of Currituck Sound looked just like those of Lake Okeechobee, in Southeast Florida—and when the fish turned on, the action was very similar. The technique is simple. With the guide holding the boat off the beds, the anglers cast weedless spoons (such as the Johnson Silver

Minnow) right into the grass and reel the spoon off the edge—letting it drop a bit at that point. A fairly fast retrieve is then used to keep the spoon on the surface. A strip of Uncle Josh pork rind, or an Arbogast Hula Skirt, makes the spoon's action even more tantalizing. The strikes are something to see, and it doesn't matter that many fish are lost in the process.

Unlike many other southern waters, Currituck Sound isn't noted for big bass. The main attraction is lots of average-sized fish, and more good cover than a man could fish in a lifetime. Under normal conditions, it's particularly ideal for fly rodding. Because of the quantity of fish available, the sound is rapidly becoming a popular spot for bass tournaments.

While this area is fairly easy to fish on your own, it is a good idea to give it a shot with a guide first. Most of the guides are old-timers who chase bass in the spring and ducks in the fall. Look for no fancy bass boats. These fellows fish out of narrow duck boats which aren't elegant, but are perfectly adequate. There are no electric motors either; the guides pole you into position while sitting down, so as not to get in the way of the casts.

Most visiting anglers fish Currituck Sound out of lodges which seem to be modeled after something you read about forty years ago in "Field & Stream." Actually, the Caroland

Farm Lodge is a guest house which serves family style meals and arranges guiding service. When it comes to the meals, suffice it to say that Caroland Farm has no peer in home-cooked food. There's so much delicious food at both breakfast and dinner that you really don't care whether or not the fish bite! This lodge is very popular during the April to June spring fishing and reservations are a must. The address is Poplar Branch, NC 27965. A "Currituck Sound Fishing Map" can be obtained for \$3 from Alexandria Drafting Co., 417 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305.

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COD

Capt Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** tells us that Friday's trip on the **Marlin IV** saw approximately 150 cod ranging from 4 to 40 lbs. taken by customers. These fish were all in the 20 lb. class on up and were taken on clam in deep water. Saturday and Sunday's trip saw fewer cod taken due to rough seas but fish were picked from 8 to 12 lbs.

Charterboat **Free Spirit** called to say that the boat will splash in by Easter. New engines have been installed and Capt Frank says the boat is in tip-top shape for the season and he is awaiting your call. See ad for details.

Capt Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reports that the **Viking Star** sailed all week and had good fishing for cod Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with pollack mixed in. Saturday and Sunday was slow due to the high winds and rain. Paul says that it appears that the spring run of cod and pollack is here. Cod are ranging from 12 to 25 lbs. and the pool fish are in the 40s. Pollack are running from 20 to 35 lbs.

Capt Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** called to say that over the weekend good catches of flounder were made in various local spots on worm and mussel. He says the flounder run has started at Montauk and that he has April 11th and 12th available.

Capt Wayne King of the charterboat **King Wayne** fished the Pioneer Fishing Club of Queens on Sunday and they had 33 cod in the teens. This was a good catch, considering the weather and ocean conditions, which



Bob Feather with a 180 lb. jewfish and some big cobia taken in the Tortugas on a recent trip aboard the "Viking Starship."

were horrible. Fishing was south of the Point in 120' of water on clam bait. No pollack mixed in.

Captain John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** would stop in his efforts on Sunday to sample the Block Island codfishing but instead put the Retacco party on some good east end flounder action. Fishing in the Promised Land area, the group totalled 3 doz. big flatties up to 3 lbs. with most of the fish being taken on mussels. John also said that he does have a few open weekdays available for those who want to get in on some spring flounder or cod action.

SOUTH FORK

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FLOUNDER

SHINNECOCK

The Capt Clark II reports that his

first trip on Friday was very successful, with 1 to 1½ lb. flounders caught on every drop. Pete Ames of Little Neck had 24 keepers and a few midgets which went back. Andy Peda of Hampton Bays boated 19 keepers in Saturday's high winds, catches diminished but Carl Altman of Dix Hills still took high hook honors with 9 keepers. The boat fished the Jamesport and Mattituck areas in Peconic Bay. With decent weather Capt Clark expects a great flounder season. He says all bait is available at the dock. Please note the boat's new location on Shinnecock Canal at the SE corner of the Montauk Hwy. Bridge.

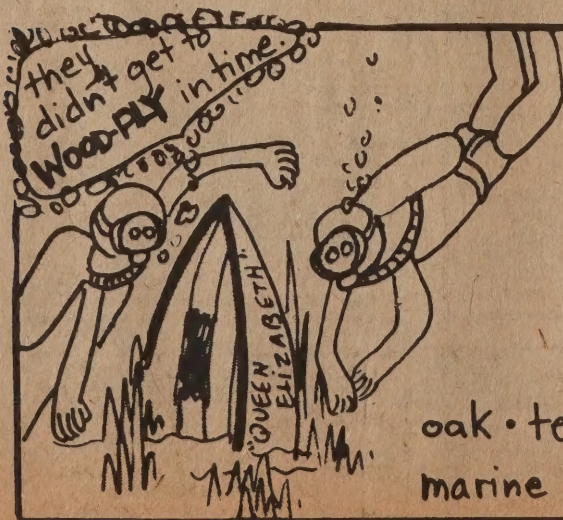
Joe at **Altenkirch Bait & Tackle** says that flounders in the canal are averaging a pound and hitting worms, mussel and clam. Hetty Creek in the basket area has been very good with fish over a pound, same bait. Best times have been 2 hrs. into the ebb.

HAMPTON BAYS

From **Corr's Fishing Station**, Mickey told us that the Heddy Creek area is the current hotspot, with everyone concentrating their efforts there. A trio of Jerseyites headed by a gentleman named Dennis totalled 315 flounder over Saturday and Sunday fishing in this area. On Sunday, 3 boats left the station in very windy conditions and their catches ranged from 40 to 65 big flounder in the 1 to 1¾ lb. class. Sand worms and mussel chum have been the most effective combo on the flatties. Mickey suggested that anglers travelling out from Jersey or the New York City area check the local weather conditions by calling McArthur Airport weather, (516) WE 6-1212.

MORICHES BAY

The word from **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** was that fishing is good whenever the wind permits decent fishing conditions. Saturday was totally lost to the wind, while on Sunday a few boats did okay by



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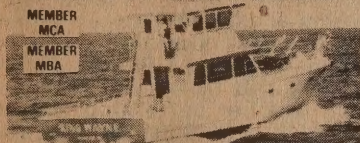
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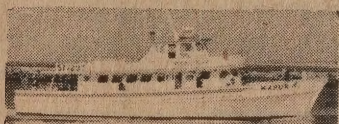
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anchoring up in the protection afforded by the banks of the Forge River. Those that did well averaged 60 to 75 fish per boat in the 3/4 to 1 1/2 lb. class. The brown house has begun producing well whenever the wind allows anglers to fish the spot. Worms and clams both have been effective as baits and mussel chum is a must if you wish to score well.

Gary at Silly Lily Fishing Station reported that the wind has definitely hindered the fishing in recent days. Boats have been averaging about 40 fish apiece, although one group of anglers did manage to put away 70 nice flatties. Best action has been at buoys 39 and 40 for fish ranging from 3/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. Worms and mussels both taking fish with mussel chum making a big difference in whether one does good or poorly.

From Skidmore's Fishing Station, Jim said that fishing has been very good weather permitting. Decent catches of 30 to 40 fish per boat were made by those anglers who stuck it out on Saturday. An exceptional catch for Saturday was made by Mike DeCandia and George Escowitz who totalled 70 flounder fishing northeast of buoy 42. Fishing on Sunday was generally poor due to the wind. In general, Seatuck Cove, buoy 39 and buoy 42 have been the best producing spots. Worms appear to be gaining an edge in the bait department and clam chum has been very effective for some anglers.

John from the Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport, spoke of a catch of 75 flounder up to 1 1/2 lbs. made on Saturday by Ted Preftes and two friends in Seatuck Cove. Fishing was done close by the station out of the wind. Worms and mussels have both been accounting for decent catches. During the week, most boats average 50 to 60 fish apiece fishing between buoys 42 and 44.



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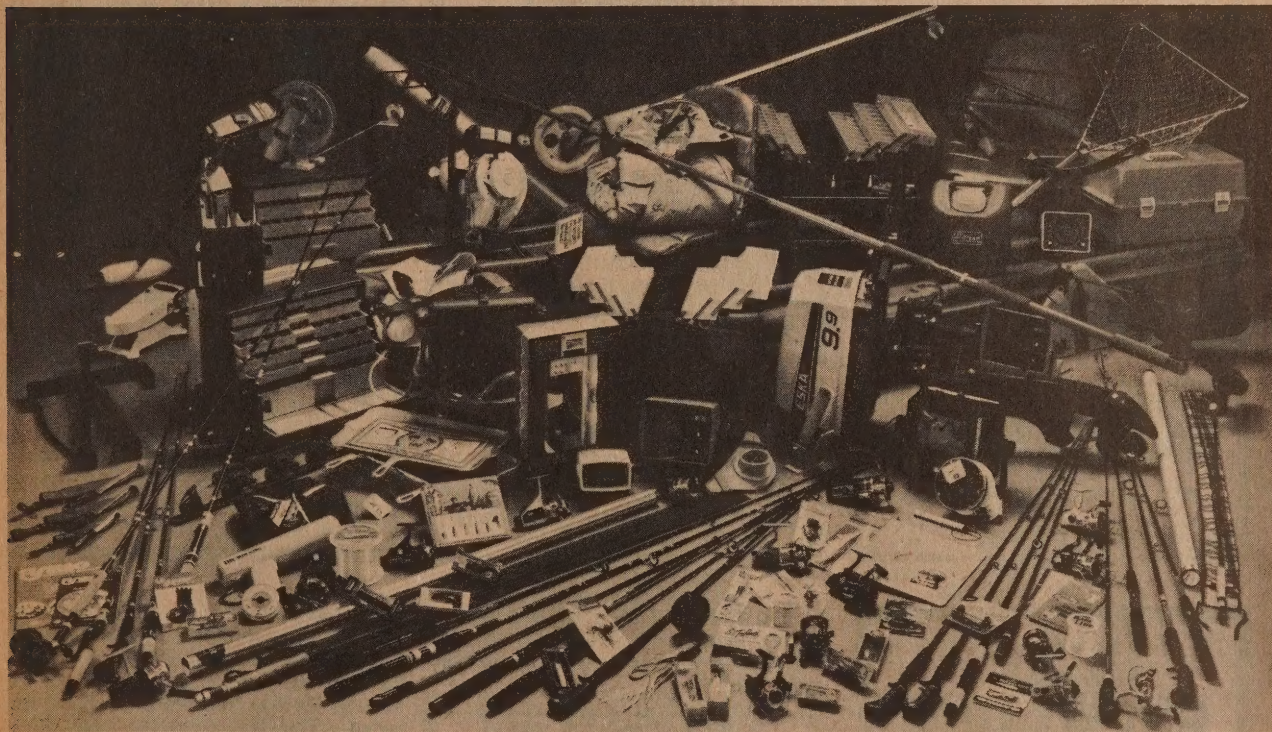
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Gary of the Stiriz' Fishing Station reported a tough weekend due to the wind. Action during the week, however, was very good. How good was demonstrated by Al and Fred Madgio, who combined for 167 flounder. Gary said that many of the fish being taken are around the 1 lb. mark with an occasional fish to 2 lbs.

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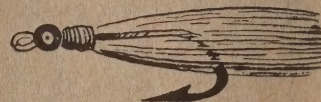
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EAST ISLIP

From Peppy's Tackle Shop, Irene said that despite the windy weather recently, there has been some flounder activity in the area. John Dirusso checked in a catch of 15 flatties from 1 to 1¼ lbs. made on sand worms with corn and mussel chum. Fishing off of buoy 2, Ron Rossi, Len Cavaluzzi and Lou Liesertruth totalled 40 flatties using worms.

OAKDALE

Dave at J&R Sport Center reported that flounder fishing off of Hecksher Park area continues to be good whenever weather permits. The most

impressive catch of flounder checked into the store this season was brought in by Richie, Tom and Obie who had 23 big flounder up to 3 lbs. 2 ozs. A number of the fish were in the 2 lb. range. The trio reported that they took the fish out east. For freshwater fans, Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River produced a 2½ lb. brookie for Steve Stokes of Oakdale, and a 3 lb. 12 oz. rainbow for Kevin Henderson. Fishing inside the Park, Wayne Mahy took a rainbow of 3 lbs. 2 ozs. Flyfishermen have been accounting for numerous brookies in the 1 to 2½ lb. class fishing in the Park section of the river.

BAY SHORE

Captain Neil Delaney of the open boat Casey Lee reported flounder fishing has been good since Wednesday with catches averaging 8-12

keepers per man. On Wednesday, Frank Casano of Plainview was high hook with 32 flatties. Fishing is being done off of Bay Shore with worms, clams and mussels all producing fish. The fishing was a little tougher in recent days due to very strong winds.

Carl of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reported wind hindered most flounder fishermen's efforts on the weekend. The fish are there in good numbers whenever conditions are right. Going back to Wednesday, Fred Lucas of Bay Shore, fishing alone aboard his Snow-L accounted for 13 good sized flatties off of East Islip's buoy 2. Fred used worms and churned the bottom with all of his action occurring during outgoing water. Opening day of trout season produced 3 fine fish for Matt Stahl. Fishing the Connetquot with night crawlers, he took a brook, brown and a rainbow, each of which were in the 14" range.

CAPTREE

The open boat **Capt. Litwin** reported good flounder action all week, although strong winds have hindered the fishing somewhat. The fish being taken are good sized as demonstrated by Saturday's pool fish, a 2¼ lb. taken by Al DeMaio of Port Jeff. Captain Ben accounted for 18 flatties himself on Thursday.

Fishing the Union Course Fishing Club on Saturday, Captain Borill of the charter boat **Rendova Island** reported a steady pick of fish on Saturday. The party totaled about 200 flatties with a high hook accounting for 22 fish. Best action was found at the Sore Thumb during the afternoon.

Charter boat **Seabird** reports they are ready to go for the 1981 season and they're located on the left side of the dock. The skipper said that some choice dates are still available so get some friends together and come on down.

Charter boat **Blue Albatross** reported that the Tightliners of Floral Park averaged 10 keepers a man on Saturday. Many of the fish were in the 1 lb. class with fishing done in the Point O'Woods and Lighthouse area. Sunday's trip with members of the New York City Transit Authority was very tough due to poor conditions created by strong gusty winds.

The open boat **Capt. Scotty** reported that the flatties bit well on Friday and Saturday. Fish are mixed in size, ranging from 1/2 to 2 lbs., the Heckscher Park area continues to produce well. Dyed clams and worms seem to have an edge in the bait department.

The charter boat **Flying Dutchman** reported that members of the Nassau Co. Police Dept. Records Bureau accounted for 90 keepers fishing near Point O'Woods and Ocean Beach. Best fishing was on the flood, fish ranged from 3/4 to 1½ lbs.

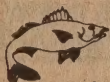
Fishing on the charter boat **Yankee III** on Saturday, a party from Comtech of Smithtown wound up with a decent

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The open boat **Jib VI** skippered by Captain Joe Pirozzi said that they had been fishing the Heckscher Park area and have also begun taking fish along South Beach. The captain felt in recent days the fish seemed to prefer clams over the worms. Fishing was

good during the week with Pat Madizan accounting for 45 flatties one day. On Saturday, Ben Weisbroth and Ed Jaffee had 33 fish.

Captain Rod of the open boat **Capt. Rod** reported a tough weekend due to the weather. Saturday was better than Sunday when some fares managed 12 to 15 fish apiece. Fishing areas have been off of Heckscher, along South

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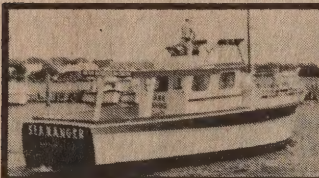
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The open boat **Capt. Whitaker** skippered by Capt. Richie Abrams reported a good day Saturday despite the wind. Some anglers totalled 20-30 fish in the 3/4 to 1 1/2 lb. class apiece. Fishing was done along South Beach during the flood and behind the Sore Thumb on outgoing water. Sunday was a wasted day according to the skipper due to the wind.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Bob Joseph** said that catches on Saturday ranged anywhere from 6-20 fish per anglers. Charlie worked the lighthouse area, Point O'Woods and Range Channel. Sunday saw good fishing at Range Channel for a couple of hours in the morning. Overall catches averaged out to about 10 fish per man. The last two hours of the flood produced best on both Saturday and Sunday.

BABYLON

Margaret at **Charlie's Fishing Station** reported flounder fishing has been good whenever the wind permits fishing. Most of the flatties are good sized and are being taken on worms, clams, mussels. The Babylon pool and the sewer treatment plant have been two of the better producing spots. Both are just a couple of minutes from the station. Margaret added that the station is currently undergoing some major renovations, but the station will remain in full operation while work is being done. Ultimately, Charlie's will become Seagull Marina with bar and restaurant facilities on the premises.

From **Augie's Bait & Tackle** Artie reported that strong winds have hurt the flounder fishing, but there are plenty of fish available when conditions are right. Bob Schwartz, seeking shelter from Sunday's wind in the State Boat Channel, put away 18 flatties up to 1 lb. 9 oz. fishing by himself. Most of the action in recent days has been confined to the State Channel which offers a reprieve from strong gusty winds.



Kerry and Karen Stuen display a pair of early season flounder taken by their dad, Walter near Squaw Island. Subscriber photo.

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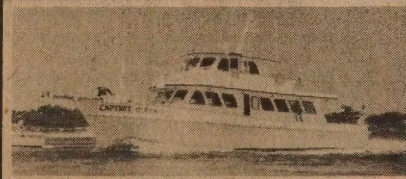
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LINDENHURST

Mike Andreani who manages Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle sampled the flounder fishing himself last Wednesday. Anchoring near Squaw Island and churning up the bottom, he finished up with 55 flatties up to 1 1/4 lbs. He used blood worms and mussels and chummed with mussels as well. Also last week Jack Austin of Farmingdale and John Callahan fished alongside one another in the Amityville Cut. They combined for 80 flatties up to 1 1/2 lbs. on bloodworms. The weekend flounder fishing was hampered by strong winds. On the freshwater side, 12-year-old Ron Olszewski and Sampson Sweden, 14, fished Argyle Lake with night crawlers and wound up with a catch of 20 perch and sunnies.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs of Combs Bait and Tackle said that the weekend was lost to the gale force winds which churned the bay waters. During the week, however, good scores were made in Massapequa Cove, at Ft. Neck Point, Squaw Island and West Island. George says the fish which are being taken on worms, clams and mussels respond well to heavy chumming and are fatter now than they were a week or two ago.

AMITY HARBOR

Capt Joe Noto of the charterboat Super Bee II fished a 5 man party on Sunday at Squaw Island and West Island. Joe double anchored in the high winds and threw over a lot of mussel chum and all aboard averaged 8 to 10 keeper flounders from 3/4 to 1 1/4 lbs.

SEAFORD

John at Pop's Fishing Station reported a tough weekend due to the wind which resulted in having to keep boats tied up at the dock. The story was different, however, during mid-week when Little Al and two friends, all of Yonkers loaded a bushel with flatties up to 2 lbs. fishing just east of Massapequa Cove. They used blood and sand worms and chummed heavily with mussels.

Lon of Wanser's Bait and Tackle, reported that flounder fishing in the area has been excellent and anglers have been loading up whenever the

weather permits. He named Massapequa Cove, Squaw Island and the first bridge as a few of the better producing spots. Fish have been averaging 1½ to 3/4 lbs., with some going to 1½ lbs. Heavy chumming with mussels and corn is a definite asset. For pier fishermen, Lon named the structure at Seamen's Neck Park as producing a decent amount of flatties for casters. Worms are your best bet here.

Sal at Custom Tackle called to say that Massapequa Cove up to Friday has been producing roughly 25 to 50 keeper flounders per boat. The 1st and 3rd Wantagh Bridges had fair flattie catches up to Friday. One local customer got 27 flounders up to 1½ lbs. This has been on worms, mussel and clam on both moving tides.

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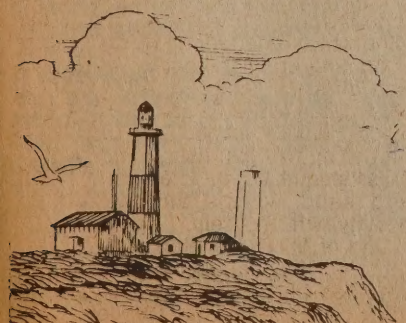
Merrick Tackle gives us our first hint of mackerel, with reliable reports of macks in 200' of water over the weekend south SW out of Jones Inlet. No further details. Flounder catches were good in Merrick Bay up through Friday with good spots being Rowboat Alley, Ned's Creek and the Golf Course.

MERRICK

Jimmy at Nick's Fishing Station tell us that Friday morning through noon saw calm waters in Merrick Bay and excellent flounder catches for most of the skiff rentals and marina boats, that went out. Catches of 50 to 60 keepers a boat were the rule in the early part of the day. Everything more or less ceased with Friday afternoon's winds that blew through the weekend. Catches were decent Wednesday also. Best spots have been Merrick Point, the channel off Nick's gas dock, and Broad Creek.

BALDWIN

Jack at Arthur Street Fishing Station had lots of flounders brought in by his rental boats and marina customers Monday through Friday to the tune of 15 to 25 keepers per boat. On Wednesday Charlie Rulard took 5 dozen worms and came back with a little over 100 keepers fishing at a hole in Middle Bay between Boces and Scow Creek. These fish were in the 1 plus lb. range. Fish are still being taken from the shore at Boces.



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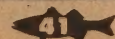
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The **Capt Bill** says the beginning of the week was very good for flounder. Monday morning's trip saw high hook of 25 keepers for one customer. Tuesday afternoon's trip saw 25 flatties for another customer. George Goodin of Co-op City was Monday's pool winner. With Wednesday's SE flow of weather, catches diminished. Catches generally averaged 4 to 18 keepers a man the whole rest of the week due to the wind. The fish were bigger on Monday and Tuesday and then the smaller fish bit with the colder water. Bill says that a few calm days ought to see catches bounce up again.

The **Capt Gary** called to say that he will begin sailing this weekend. He still has a couple of open dates for April and a couple of weekends dates in May. See ad for details.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** sailed Saturday and Sunday but Capt Sy says that catches were off in the usual hot spots due to high winds and low temps. The water was dirty and stirred up which of course makes for tough fishing. They picked a way and had flounders in any case. The boat has a few open spots available for an open boat cod trip April 12th. See **Blue Fin** charter service for details.

Capt Dick Hall of the **Super Spray II** reports that he sailed all 4 trips on the weekend and fishing locally, customers had a fair catch of flounders, but nothing to get excited about, due to the poor conditions that prevailed. Dick looks forward to better fishing with a couple days of decent weather.

The **Aloma II**, also sailing a 2 trip a day schedule, said that despite the poor weekend weather, flounder catches were not too bad. Catches averaged 10 to 15 keepers a man on morning trips during the week. Saturday's afternoon trip saw good results on just two drops. Paul says that he has got free mussels and clams on board and that he is fishing local waters just 20 minutes from the dock.

Capt Richie of the **Starstream II** says that he will be running a 4 a.m. cod and pollack special this Saturday and Sunday, April 11th and 12th. There have been reports of offshore cod, and this could be a good opportunity to hang a couple of these lunkers. See ad for details.

The **Capt Lou III** tells of very good flounders all week. On Tuesday Stephen Genatp of Glen Rock, NJ,

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took 33 keepers from ¾ to 2 lbs. on the full day trip. On Wednesday, Mike, a regular, bagged up with 35 keepers on the full day trip. Saturday saw Butch Rudolph with 35 keepers for the full day. Dick Hollahan of Atlantic Tires on Sunday scored with 37 keepers. On the **Capt Lou IV**, the half-day boat, Saturday saw a high hook of 17 keepers which was good considering the rain and wind. Average catch was 8 to 10 a man. Sunday's high hook on the half day boat was 18 keepers. Mike says this is all local, fishing 15 minutes from the dock in the bay and that a shot of good weather should really make things ump.

Ronnie Feuring at **Sea Isle Sports** tells of flounder caught in good numbers at Hole in the Bay by Max Horowitz and pal with fish averaging 1 to 1½ lbs, going up to 2½ lbs. This was on mussel and worm bait and plenty of mussel chum on a flooding tide, Saturday. Catches were good during the week at Shaffers Creek and the hole off Freeport Park.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt Dennis of the charterboat **Marie III** called to tell us that his first trip will sail April 11th for flounders and he says it looks like a hot season ahead. He advises that he has April 18th and 26th still available.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** says catches were down on the weekend due to the wind and rain but things were very good through Friday in Reynold's Channel at poles 17 and 18 and on the flats at buoy 17, also in Middle Bay. Bob Schleicher, Rich Mior and Jim Wittig all of Queens Village, had 100 keepers flounders between them all on incoming tide on worm and mussel bait and plenty of mussel chum. Marilyn said that mussels are the key for size and quantity of flounders. The flood tide has definitely been best this past week. Joe Dechert, Ed Durand and Joe Wunderlin all of Ridgewood, scored with 70 flatties including a lot of 1½ pounders on the flats off buoy 17. Merna and Hank Linden on NYC had 32 keepers on mussels off the flats. Catches should increase with calmer weather, as the flounder are there.

ISLAND PARK

Capt Clem of the **Commodore** says that the wind really put a dent in the weekend's catch, but that Friday saw catches for 5 men of 35 fish a man average. Worms, mussel and clam are doing about equally well. Clem says that once the moon tides and the strong winds abate, catches should be strong, since there are lots of fish around. The boat is sailing daily except Monday. See ad for details.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** was also a little depressed by the weekend's weather when he called. He was sure that there would be a

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strong upswing in catches once we got the weather. Fishing during the week was fair, though not as red hot as the previous week. This weekend, says Charlie, try Reynold's Channel at the mouth of any of the creeks such as Duck, Shaffers etc. and chum heavily. Magnolia Pier was a stiff all week. Worms and mussel chum are the key and fish the ebb at the creek's mouths.

EAST ROCKAWAY

Skippy's Bait & Tackle reports fishing was not bad on the weekend in his area. Kenny Krychek fished Jamaica Bay and had 90 keepers at buoy 29. Locals are picking away and those who knew what they were doing caught fish, though requiring a lot of moving. Skippy says fish the deep water. Eels around now too. Duck Point and the railroad tressel are spots to hit. Perch are being caught behind Hermans and pickerel in the Hempstead lakes.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports that due to the strong winds on the weekend, only a few boats worked the Reynold's Channel area. Ray Medina, Clinton Uhl and Joe Cutrowtz had a "bucket full" of flounders up to 1½ lbs. Plenty of flounders are around and all you need is someweather. Worms and lots of mussel chum on an incoming tide are the ticket. On Wednesday Scully Mathewson fished in 105' of water, 140 degrees out of Jones, and scored with 5 cod weighing 53, 40, 35, 28 and 15 lbs. Bernie says the Magnolia Pier has been producing flounders this past week.

JAMAICA BAY

J-Bay Boat Rentals reports that Saturday one regular customer returned with 50 keepers flounders after fishing the incoming tide at buoy 25 on the Airport side of Jamaica Bay with bluffs, mussel chum and clam chum.

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle tells us that Monday through Friday there was a slow steady pick of flatties off both bridges. Top score of the week was 52 keepers for one man, fish from ½ to 1 lb. on mussels and sand worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Flamingo III** with Capt Bob at the wheel, had very good flounder catches both Saturday and Sunday with of course the better fisherman catching the most fish. Catches ranged up into the 30s. Catches averaged 15 to 30 fish a mar, fish up to 2 lbs. Lots of action and all fares caught fish. The boat has been fishing inside Sandy Hook Harbor at the Navesink River. The skipper says the boat is carrying all necessary bait with mussels producing best. They will

also be fishing Rockaway Inlet and Jamaica Bay soon since this is where the larger sea flounders are caught.

Capt Kevin of the **Dorothy B** tells of really good flounder catches prior to the weekend and it's howling winds. The boat worked the Shrewsbury River and the waters at Annendale, Staten Island. Pool fish were 2 pounders. Saturday was slow but they bit good again on Sunday with better anglers totalling 35 to 40 keepers a man. Ninety percent of the fish were keepers.

Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** says that all that's really happening now is good flounder catches on mussel, clam and worm off the Breezy Point Jetty, Silver Hole and Manhattan Beach. The flounder boats hitting Jersey are doing a job. No blacks, whiting, ling or macks as yet.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** says that the Gateway National Park on the beach side on the top of incoming, produced 10 stripers from shorts to 5 pounders on Saturday during the day on sand worms. Lenny is quoting a reliable source, he says. Just short bass have been caught on South Beach. Flounders have been improving in size and quantity inside Great Kills Harbor and Princess Bay from ¾ lb. on up. Things are building from the Verrazano to Princess Bay and also pier 17 at the Stapleton Piers. Three quarters of these fish are keepers. Boats are fishing from Old Home Dock to Wolf's Pond Park and catching fish averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. on sands, bloods and mussel chum.

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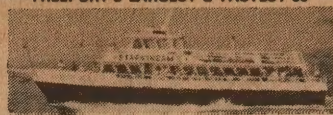
Capt George Porter of the **Brand X** tells of good flounder fishing Saturday in the Shelter Island area with fish going up to 2½ lbs. George says that it looks like a banner year for flounders as to both size and quantity.

The **Capt Bob** called to say that he sailed Sunday and passengers took an excellent catch of over 100 flounders. Wednesday's trip saw fares with 12 to 15 fish a man even though the winds were blasting.

AP White Bait Shop tells us that there are lots of flounder around and that the **Brand X** fishing Saturday off East Marion had good catches of flatties despite the wind with most fish from 1 to 1½ lbs. and an occasional 2 pounder. Art advises that

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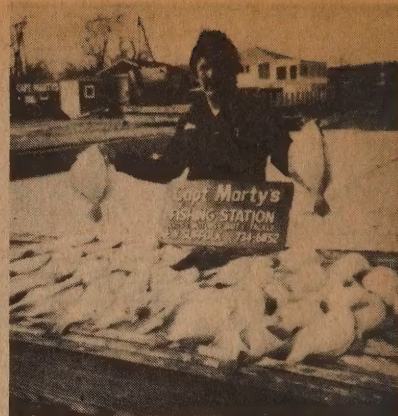
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Saturday, Capt Dave Brennan at the
wheel.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station
reports that on Friday high hook boat
had 73 good keeper flounder working
the west side of the Greenport
breakwater. Two boats on Sunday
returned with 16 good flatties each.
They worked inside Pipes Cove and
had keepers from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lbs.
Mussel and blood worm work best as
hook bait and mussel chum was a
must.

NEW SUFFOLK

Monday through Thursday saw
solid catches, reports Capt Marty's
Fishing Station with boats averaging
50 to 70 keeper flounder a day fishing
South Race and Roses Grove. Fish ran
from 3/4 to 2 lbs. Worm and mussel
work best and chumming is a must.
The weekend was a wipe-out due to
the crummy weather.

MATTITUCK

Capt Jerry McGrath of the charter
boat Nostalgia II called to say that the
boat is now in the water and ready to
sail. Jerry says from past experience,
the period from April 18th to May
10th is prime time for Mattituck
flounders. Jerry says he has both
weekend and weekdays available.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait & Tackle tells us that
the Sound area off Mattituck Inlet has
now started producing flounders.
Warren says he got this from a
reliable source. Fish are running from
3/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. on worm and mussels.
Bay fishing was blown-out for the
most part on the weekend, but the
fish are there and once things settle
down the catches should bounce back.

SAG HARBOR

Fishing in Sunday's stiff winds, Pete Lauda of Huntington and Greg Keener of Sag Harbor combined to put away 25 flounder up to 1½ lbs. fishing off of North Haven on Sunday. The pair fished less than two hours and used clam bait as well as clam and mussel chum to make their score.

Capt Bob of the **Sundance** charter fleet reports flounders being caught averaging a dozen keepers a man up to 1½ lbs. in local waters. Flounders averaging 1 lb. are hitting clam and worm bait. Bob's six man boat will be in the water by April 20th, ready for cod, pollack and snowshoe flounder charters. His other boats are in the water presently and ready to sail.

Capt Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** fished west of Jessups Saturday and Sunday and says it's the best flounder fishing he has ever seen. Stan DeTasse of Sag Harbor and friend had 76 keepers. Also on Saturday Bob Nann of Ridgewood had 50 keeper flounders. Average catches are 30 to 40 fish a man. On Sunday Mike Fuchs of Whitestone bagged up with 37 flounder while Howard Kirschenbaum and Joel Weber of Sag Harbor, brought up 76 keepers. All these fish ran from 1 to 1½ lbs. with only 6 midgits caught combined over the weekend. The boat was back at the dock by 1:30 p.m. both days. The boat fished in 15 to 21' of water and mussels were the preferred bait.

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** said that through Friday flounders were a good item at Smith's Cove and at Gibson's on Meshamok Point. Chris says the fish are fatter now. They are also being caught between North Haven and buoy 14. Average fish is 1 plus lbs. The incoming tide has been best on worms, mussels and clam. All three being hit with equal fervor. Chumming is a must.

THREE MILE HARBOR

Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station called to say that one of their rental skiffs on Friday bagged 95 keeper flounders from 1 to 2½ lbs. on mussels and clam along with corn and



Four anglers from Sag Harbor Sportsmen's Club with 30 plus keeper flounder caught in Sag Harbor area; fish up to 1½ lbs. Photo courtesy of Bay View.

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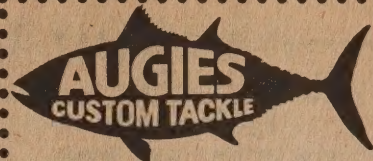
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And while we're at it, we think the oceans deserve more than a week of our thought—which is why this editorial appears after the week of March 21, 1981. By now most of those exposed to the National Wildlife Federation effort have forgotten it. Therefore, we ask all of you to make a commitment to protecting and conserving the oceans and its life all year-round, every year. And finally, let's all make an effort to improve the future by starting our children off in the right direction.

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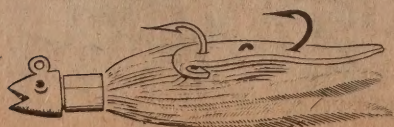
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rice chum. Two NYC firemen, Bill Bassler and Ron Martinson along with 2 NYC post office workers, Ken Smith and Pete Fabrizio were the happy anglers. Tide was not a factor as they caught all day.

PECONICS

Thom at Speck's Bait & Tackle says that the wind and rain kept most anglers home on the weekend but that prior to the weekend there was generally good flounder action in the Peconics towards Roses Grove and at Towd Point. Action continued well at Hetty Creek and Shinnecock Canal, Noyac Creek and Jessups Neck.



NORTH SHORE Mid-Island

★ **BEST BET** ★
FLOUNDER

MT. SINAI HBR.

The word from Ralph's Fishing Station continues to be that there are some nice flounder in the harbor, but lots of wind has kept too many anglers from sampling the fishing. Worms have the edge in the bait department here and chumming helps. No boats out over the weekend due to the wind, according to Ralph.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt John Fisher of the open boat Aqua-Gem called to say that strong winds slowed the flounder fishing over the weekend, but customers had fair results nonetheless Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's pool fish hit 1 1/2 lbs., and was caught by a young lady. Sunday's pool fish hit 3 lbs. for John Guida of Selden. Catches were best at Mt. Misery Shoals and Port Jeff Harbor with mussel and worm working best.

Tim at Carafitis Fishing Station said that flounder action in the harbor continues to be surprisingly good. Conscience Bay on the west side and the Belle Terre shore on the east side produced the best action this past week. Action out in the Sound is off to an early start with good sized fish being taken off of Mt. Misery and Old Field Points. Mussels and worms, with the former having an edge, are the best baits and mussel chum is a

necessity.

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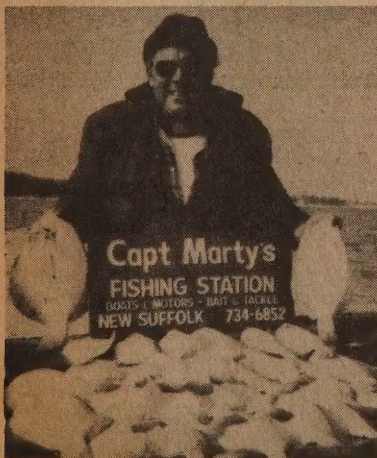
Bob at O.K. Bait and Tackle reports good flounder catches being made in the Nissequogue River. On Saturday, Marvis Mannarino, John Gioven and Tony Felicia totalled over 100 flatties within rowing distance of the station. Paul Smith and Chuck Williams each sought their flounder with no more than oar power. Both managed a half bucket apiece of fair sized flatties. Sand worms have been the best bait in the area.

HUNTINGTON

Fishing in the Sound was good, reports Capt. Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready**. Flounder fishing was a good item working near Lloyd's Neck Saturday with roughly a dozen fish a man the average from there and Eaton's Neck. Several fish went over 2 lbs. Saturday's pool winner was George Shover of Bellmore with a 1½ lb. flounder. Sunday's pool winner was Ned Bowen of Yaphank with a 1½ pounder. Delores Schmidt of Northport also had a 1½ lb. flounder. Packy says all passengers caught and about 80 percent of the fish were keepers.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports lots of small flounder in the harbors being taken by boatmen and pier fishermen. Sand worms and dyed clams seem to be getting the nod from most fishermen. The winter overrun of stripers at Lilco has cooled, but a few fine fish were taken during the height of the run. Mark Rinaldo and Dave Kratzky used tape worms to take fish of 33, 31 and 24 lbs. over the past two months in addition to numerous lesser fish.

George Valentine reported from his **Four Winds Tackle Shop** that sand worms and mussel chum have been responsible for many good catches of small flounder inside the harbors.



Richard Lester of Ronkonkoma with an early season catch of 27 flounder up to 2 lbs. taken in Peconic Bay. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

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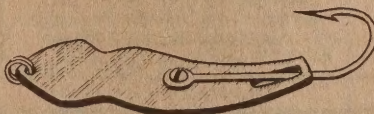
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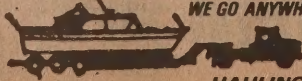
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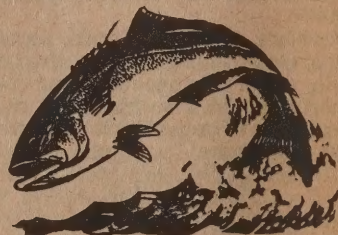
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The highlight of young Bob Cannon's recent trip to Bimini was this 57 lb. yellowfin tuna. Subscriber photo.

Bigger fish are outside in the Sound off of Marshall Field, Lloyds Neck, Eaton's Neck and Ashroken. These Sound flatties range from 1/2 to 1 1/2 lbs., with quite a few around the 1 lb. mark. George noted that fishing at Lilco slowed quite a bit this past week, with just a few scattered short stripers being taken.



NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

GLEN COVE

Capt Joe of the Lady Lil II reports good catches of flounder all week at the Bayville Beaches and off Lloyd's Neck. Larger fish were taken off Buoy 2 at Lloyd's. Saturday's pool went to Bill Sisko with a 2 1/4 pounder. Sunday was even better with Bob Brenner and Pete Izzo accounting for 80 keepers between them. Pete Zastawecky of Hempstead boated 60 keeper flounders taking high hook honors. There is a 50-50 keeper ratio, keepers ranging from 1/2 to 3/4 lb. on worm and red dyed clam. Joe says the clam is taking the bigger fish. The skipper also says there have been a few patches of mackerel in the Sound and a few picked up in lobster pots.

John at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that flounder action appears to have peaked throughout the entire area. Sandworms and clams have been the most effective bait of late. On Saturday, Mike Branda and a friend fished Morgan's Park to take 150 flounder from 1/2 to 1 1/2 lbs. John added that another movie night is coming up on April 27 when the shop will be raffling off a new Fenwick rod. Pre-registration is required to be eligible. Also coming up is a fly tying course. You can phone the shop for info.

CITY ISLAND

Capt Joe on the **Ebb Tide III** called to say that his new 85 footer will begin sailing for the season this Saturday for flounders, 8 a.m. daily. See ad for details.

Capt Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** tells us that the flounder fishing has been excellent all week long. Although there are lots of small stuff, there's also a goodly number of keepers, sufficient to fill angler's sacks. He is working from Matincock Point up to Lloyd's Point and inside Huntington Harbor. High hook is usually in the 40s, fish running from 1/2 to 1 1/2 lbs. Dom says there are lots of 3/4 pounders and plenty of 1/2 to 3/4 lb. fish. He says he has never seen so many small flounder in this area which is a great sign for coming seasons. Sand worms have been working best with mussel and clam a close 2nd and 3rd.

Jack of **Jack's Bait and Tackle** reports good flounder fishing in the area. He named Harts Island, Ft. Slocum and Orchard Beach as a few of the more productive spots. Most fish are 1/2 to a pound with some bigger. Worms and mussel chum seem to be the best combination. For shore casters, flatties are available in the Orchard Beach Lagoon and Jack expects bass to begin showing at any time.

From **City Island Bait and Tackle**, Greg reports nice flounder up to 1 lb. being taken from the shore at Eastchester Creek and in Orchard Beach Lagoon. Boatmen have been doing well fishing the east side of City Island. Sand worms are accounting for most of the flatties being taken. Greg noted that there have been rumors of a couple of short bass taken on worms in the area.



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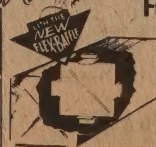
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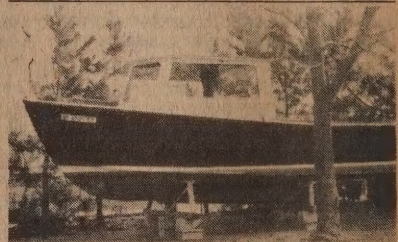
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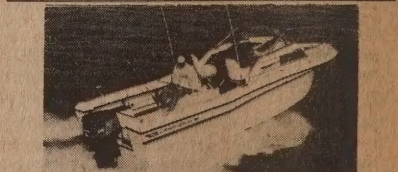
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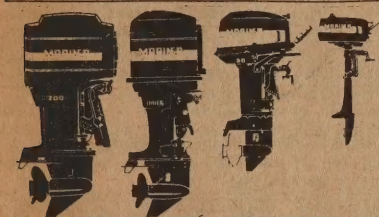
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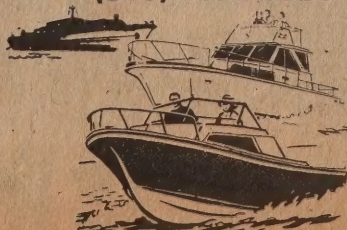
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against in the future.

I still hope the Reagan Administration will prove a winner in marine fisheries, but I'm not counting on anything. If there's one thing I've learned over the years in fighting for various conservation causes it's that you rarely get anything you don't fight for. No matter what the issue, there'll always be others lined up on the other side—and public officials will often side with those persistent enough to keep hammering away. My feeling is that the key to success with this Administration will be reasonable positions on a few key issues, rather than outright opposition to a broad range. Only time will tell whether this forecast is correct, but I'm remaining an optimist until I'm proven wrong!

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...-0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 1/2 hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-POINT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	11:35	11:55	-	12:15	-	12:20	12:30	1:10	2:15	3:10	2:20	3:00	11:25	11:55	4/9
FRI.	-	12:35	12:40	1:20	12:40	1:20	1:30	2:15	3:25	4:35	3:20	4:00	-	12:25	4/10
SAT.	12:55	1:35	1:45	2:30	1:40	2:20	2:35	3:25	5:00	5:55	4:25	5:10	12:55	1:30	4/11
SUN.	2:00	2:45	3:00	3:40	2:45	3:25	3:45	4:35	6:25	7:00	5:35	6:15	2:00	2:35	4/12
MON.	3:05	3:50	4:05	4:45	3:50	4:25	4:55	5:40	7:30	8:00	6:40	7:20	3:05	3:35	4/13
TUE.	4:10	4:45	5:10	5:40	4:50	5:25	6:00	6:30	8:25	8:55	7:45	8:15	4:00	4:25	4/14
WED.	5:05	5:35	6:00	6:30	5:45	6:15	6:50	7:15	9:15	9:40	8:35	9:00	4:55	5:15	4/15
THUR.	5:50	6:15	6:50	7:10	6:30	6:55	7:35	7:55	10:05	10:25	9:25	9:40	5:40	6:00	4/16

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Gl. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehoboth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNEDOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Oquoque	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Haris Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 00

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Lloyd Point	+0 08
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Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
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New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
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Falkner Island	-0 13
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Branford Harbor	-0 07
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Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	-0 03
Saugaluck River	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

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Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Moyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	-0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10

Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higginum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
David's Island	-0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spytlen Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	-0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beaverfall Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawlucluck	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Harbor	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

4/10	5:29	6:35
4/11	5:27	6:36
4/12	5:25	6:37
4/13	5:23	6:38
4/14	5:22	6:39
4/15	5:21	6:40
4/16	5:19	6:42

Moonrise/Moonset

4/10	10:09AM	12:16AM
4/11	11:07AM	1:12AM
4/12	12:08PM	2:01AM
4/13	1:09PM	2:43AM
4/14	2:10PM	3:19AM
4/15	3:10PM	3:51AM
4/16	4:09PM	4:20AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
			
4/4	4/11	4/19	4/27



The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1 1/2 to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:10	3:00	9:40	3:25
Fri.	10:10	4:00	10:45	4:30
Sat.	11:10	5:00	11:45	5:30
Sun.	11:55	5:50	-	6:20
Mon.	12:35	6:40	12:50	7:05
Tues.	1:20	7:25	1:35	7:50
Wed.	2:05	8:05	2:15	8:30
Thurs.	2:45	8:45	2:55	9:10



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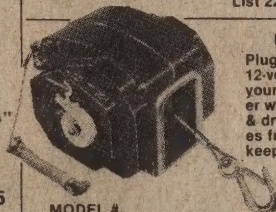
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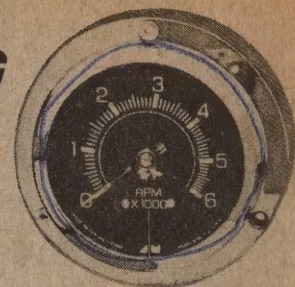
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	List	Sale
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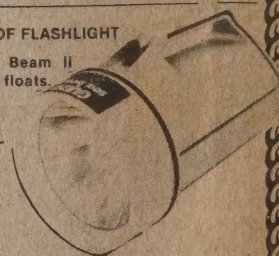


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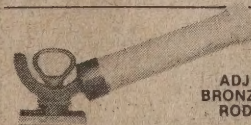


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